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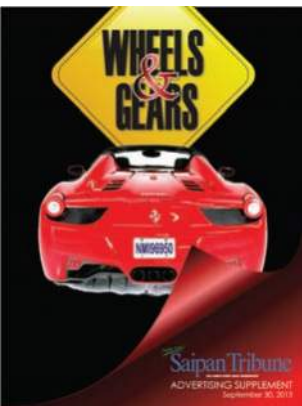
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2 YEARS SINCE DHS ISSUED FINAL RULES

USCIS: 10.5K CW petitions OK'd

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Two years since U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services started accepting petitions for the transitional Commonwealth-only worker or CW program, a total of 10,491 or 84 percent of the 12,439 foreign workers petitioned for initial permit from Oct. 7, 2011, through Sept. 17, 2013, were approved.

A total of 1,281 or 10 percent of the petitioned workers were denied.

The rest or 667 have yet to be decided on.

Of the 10,491 initial CW permits issued, there have already been 7,182 renewal applications and 5,774 or 80 percent have so far been approved and 93 or 1 percent have been denied.

Marie Therese Sebrechts, USCIS deputy press secretary, provided these latest statistics, including 6,482 initial I-129CW petitions that covered 12,439 workers.

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LET'S MOVE MARIANAS!

A boy swings a bat during the youth baseball game at the 2nd annual Let's Move Marianas! on Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium Susupe. The event drew hundreds of community members and dozens of booths.

THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

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A dolphin tale



Early in their Operation Enduring Freedom mission, Spcs. Ivan and Brittney Igitol share a father-daughter moment at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. The Igitols are from Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD/SGT. EDDIE SIGUENZA

By SGT. EDWARD SIGUENZA
1-294TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

CAMP PHOENIX, Afghanistan—There's something symbolic about dolphins in the Igitol clan and it's not just because the mammals constantly swim around their Pacific Island home.

Spc. Ivan Igitol permanently branded five dolphins on his arm, representing his five children and Carolinian heritage.

Spc. Brittney Igitol tattooed one on her neck, symbolizing her love for her island culture.

Deep in an Afghanistan desert, where Brittney's Foxtro Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, Guam

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UNDER NEW SENATE BILL:

\$25 to \$150 eyed for fire code permit

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Amid concerns from businesses about "exorbitant" and "unreasonable" costs, Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) has prefiled a bill that would lower the Commonwealth Fire Division's fire safety code permit from \$500 to anywhere between \$25 and \$150, depending on the type of business.

Reyes said the flat fee of \$500 is a "great finan-

cial burden to building and business owners," and he proposes what he describes as "reasonable" fire safety code permit fees.

Under his Senate Bill 18-36, Reyes proposes a \$25 fee for businesses with less than 10 employees, private schools, or any learning institution.

He proposes a \$50 fee for a theater, hall, or other buildings for theatrical purposes, or for public entertainment.

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FINAL FAIRNESS HEARING TODAY IN JOHNSON'S CLASS ACTION

'Intervention is fight for rule of law'

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Rep. Janet Maratita and Jesus I. Taisague are fighting for the rule of law and their constitutional rights, according to their lawyer, Ramon K. Quichocho, to explain why they want to intervene in Betty Johnson's class action.

As this developed, many interested parties and

retirees are expected to attend the final fairness hearing at the U.S. District Court for the NMI today, Monday, at 9am.

Designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood is expected to grant final approval of Johnson's settlement agreement at the hearing. She will also take up the petitions for attorneys' fees and court costs by Johnson's lawyers. These lawyers want

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US govt wants to seize Fund benefits of Tim, Santos couple

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The U.S. government wants to seize part of the NMI Retirement Fund's proceeds that former lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez, former

Commerce secretary James A. Santos and his wife, Joaquina V. Santos, are entitled to.

Assistant U.S. attorney Jessica F. Cruz said these Fund's proceeds may be taken to satisfy the judgment for the conviction of Villagomez and the Santos

couple.

Cruz said that, as of Sept. 13, 2013, Villagomez has paid the special assessment fee in full and \$5,770.12 toward restitution, while James Santos has paid \$532.59 and Joaquina Santos, \$375.

Cruz said these leave a balance of \$339,447.29 for Villagomez; \$371,471.03 for James Santos; and \$371,471.03 for Joaquina Santos.

Cruz filed last week an application for a writ of execution in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

A writ of execution refers to a court order to the sheriff or

other similar official that allows the sheriff to collect or take possession of property owned by a judgment debtor.

Cruz said they have information that the Fund possesses or will possess funds to which Villagomez and the Santos couple are entitled.

These funds, she pointed out, are subject of execution

and may be seized to satisfy the judgment against the defendants.

The judgment in this case ordered Villagomez to pay \$346,125 in restitution and a \$400 special assessment fee. James Santos was ordered to pay \$346,125 in restitution, \$25,000 fine, and a \$400 special assessment fee. Joaquina Santos was required to pay \$346,125 in restitution, a \$25,000 fine, and a

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CNMI officials in Palau for Independence Day, other events

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and at least four members of the CNMI's 18th Legislature are currently in Palau for at least three major events, including a demonstration of an aerial drone today, the celebration of that country's 19th Independence Day anniversary on Oct. 1, and a post-inaugural celebration for President Tommy Remengesau Jr.

Sablan, when asked about his Palau trip during the weekend, said he received an invitation from Remengesau "to come observe the demonstration of the use of unmanned aircraft system in Palau."

Palau officials tout the use of an aerial drone to detect illegal fishing and monitor its exclusive economic zones.

Sablan said his travel cost is being shared between the U.S. departments of State and Defense.

"Palau is not just our neighbor, and many of Palau's citizens reside in the Northern Marianas, but the United States values the Republic of Palau as a steadfast friend in multilateral forums. Its voting coincidence with the United States is a 100 percent on key issues in the UN," he said.

At least four members of the CNMI Legislature also left for

Palau mainly for the Oct. 1 Independence Day anniversary and post-inauguration celebrations. They included House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan), and Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan).

Taitano, in an interview on Friday, said the presidential inaugural festivities will be held some nine months after the original schedule because Remengesau put off inaugural ceremonies set for January this year to focus resources on disaster relief efforts after a typhoon hit Palau in December 2012.

Taitano also said that the lawmakers' trip is funded through their individual discretionary funds.

The lawmakers are expected to return on Thursday. Some private citizens from the CNMI are also in Palau for the festivities.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately said that Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider were not scheduled to be in Palau for the celebrations there.

Today is the much-awaited court hearing on the NMI Retirement Fund global settlement agreement, among other things.

Aerial drone demo

Sablan said the Sept. 30 unmanned aircraft system demon-

stration in monitoring Palau's exclusive economic zone is important because Palau was the first island partner to sign ship-rider and ship-boarding agreements that allows the U.S. Coast Guard to board vessels in Palau's EEZ.

Sablan, visiting Palau for two days, is a ranking member of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Oceans, Wildlife and Insular Areas, which is responsible for fisheries and oceans matters.

The subcommittee also has oversight responsibilities over the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, which administers compact funding for Palau.

The Palau Office of the President said Aerosonde, an Australian company, built the UAV that will be used for the Sept. 30 demonstration but its parts were manufactured in the U.S.

Aerosonde had released a preliminary report concluding that the concept of using UAVs to detect illegal fishing is entirely feasible.

After the demonstration, Aerosonde will be taking back the equipment. Remengesau had said that his administration will work with non-government organizations and investors to solicit financial support for Palau's acquisition of a UAV, his office said.

NMC board approves \$3.8M budget for 2014

The Northern Marianas College Board of Regents has approved the college's \$3.8 million operations budget for fiscal year 2014. The source of the college's operations budget is derived from tuition, fees, and other income generated through the college's programs and services.

"The college continues to play an increasingly central role in helping residents of the Commonwealth advance toward their educational and professional goals," said board chair Juan T. Lizama. "The budget that was established helps the college to continue its growth in that capacity."

"The budget plan we approved also helps NMC to maintain the high quality of instruction and student services," said Lizama. "And because the college's goals are directly linked to accreditation recommendations, the budget ensures that we continue to prioritize accreditation efforts and focus on meeting accreditation standards."

"The preparation of the 2014 consolidated budget involved a thorough and exhaustive review of the college's financial needs," said chief financial officer Tracy Guerrero. "The college's Budget and Finance Committee

members worked tirelessly in the last few weeks to ensure that expenditures were aligned with the college's identified goals and priorities."

According to Guerrero, all the departments at NMC participated in the budget process by undergoing budget hearings and budget reviews.

"Because of the limited resources that we have, we needed to ensure that every dollar we earn was earmarked toward meeting accreditation goals and other college priorities," said Guerrero.

The NMC operations budget is aligned with the following goals and priorities, which was approved by the board last month:

1. Student Success
 - Strengthened instruction and services through a systematic evaluation of student learning outcomes.
 - Improved services to residents of Tinian and Rota.
2. Resource Optimization
 - Implemented an effective planning process that emphasized accountability and tied resource allocation and initiatives to the concepts of institutional effectiveness.
 - Provided necessary physical facilities and resources to meet the needs of the College's programs and constituencies.

■ Obtained a sufficient number of qualified personnel with full-time responsibility to the institution, and established minimum faculty qualification for all academic instructors.

3. Information Technology

- Secured highly qualified IT personnel and service providers to improve technology support system.

■ Improved IT planning, utility and decision-making processes through systematic evaluation to meet institutional needs.

■ Integrated technology to enhance student learning.

4. Continuous Quality Improvement

■ Secured Reaffirmation of Accreditation.

■ Revised the governance structure in order to ensure clarity and effective College operations.

■ Obtained adequate resources to pursue Capital Improvement Projects/plans.

■ Implemented procedures in support of new and revised Board policies that impact College operations.

5. CNMI Workforce Needs

■ Expanded efforts to partner with business, industry, and government to identify their needs for a skilled and trained workforce. (NMC)



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Final Adventure is a reality television in which teams of two people race around the world in competition with other teams. The show finale and two other episodes were filmed in Saipan and Tinian.

On the show, contestants travel to and within multiple countries via airplane, helicopter, truck, bicycle, car, boat and foot. Participants solve missions to move to the next destination or perform



tasks related to the country or culture they are in. Seven of the shows episodes were filmed in Thailand.

Sites covered in the Northern Mariana included Bird Islands, Jeffrey's Beach, Mt. Tapochao, Banzai Cliff, Grotto, Calabera Cave, Managaha, Taga Beach Kammer Beach, Taga House, Canon Beach, and Long Beach. Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort

and Tinian Dynasty were also featured, as well as option tours with Extreme Adventure and via ATV and speed boat.

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CNMI has to come up with regs on submerged lands

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Some two weeks after President Barack Obama signed a law conveying 3-mile submerged lands to the CNMI, the Commonwealth now has to formulate the regulations governing the use of these offshore lands, Delegate Gregorio Kili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) told *Saipan Tribune*.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos separately said in an interview that his administration will identify the appropriate department to formulate the regulations and enforce them.

"We might also want to pass a local statute to be able to fix agency responsibilities," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan said regulations governing the use of submerged lands "are now the responsibility of the Commonwealth government, just as the governments of American Samoa, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands have responsibility for the submerged lands around those islands."

The new submerged lands law gives the CNMI control of the underwater coasts of its 14 islands. The CNMI becomes the last U.S. coastal state or territory to own its offshore lands.

The new law also brings to focus once again the lack of a co-management plan in connection with the signing of the Mariana Trench Marine National Monument in 2009.

"Of course, we know from the Executive Branch testimony on S. 256, the bill the President signed into law, that there is concern that the Commonwealth and federal governments have not formulated their co-management plan for regulation of the areas around Maug, Uracas and Farallon de Pajaros in the Mariana Trench Marine National Monument," Sablan said.

This arrangement for co-management was something former governor Benigno R. Fitial negotiated with former President Bush five years ago, the delegate said.

"I certainly encourage both governments to come to the table and follow through on their agreement. And I hope that the enactment of Public Law 113-34 will encourage them to do so, as soon as possible," Sablan added.

U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Lisa Murkowski introduced S. 256 or the submerged lands legislation, at Sablan's request. A submerged lands bill was the very first bill that Sablan introduced as the CNMI's first nonvoting delegate to Congress in 2009.

The governor said the CNMI may request more than 3 miles of submerged lands in the future.

"We have to do this one at a time. Maybe we can take a look at extending that for maybe another 3 miles or by 9 miles more for a total of 12 miles, but that's going to probably be a very contentious issue because we're looking at coastal states and territories having only the 3 miles. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't have the additional 9 miles either. We're different. We're surrounded by water," he said. "But we would like to see what we can do with the 3 miles first then work from there."



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SCHEDULE OF OCTOBER ACTIVITIES:

Week 1: PREVENTION

Attend the **Proclamation Signing** of "Behavioral Health Month"
Today, September 30, 2013, 9:30 AM at the Governor's Office Conference Room

Week 2: PARENTS

Project Brabu will be giving presentations at available **Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) Meetings**. Learn about Substance Abuse and Mental Health in the CNMI! Day, Time, and Location - TBA.

Week 3: YOUTH

Project Brabu is hosting a **Be Drug-Free Calendar Contest** for grades 4th, 5th, and 6th students. All schools are encouraged to participate! Winners will be featured in a 2014 Calendar! Email projectbrabu.marketing@gmail.com or call (670) 323-6590 for more details.

Week 4: COMMUNITIES

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery Coalition (SAPARC) will be hosting a **Red Ribbon Door Decoration Contest**. Decorate your door themed "A Healthy Me Is Drug Free!" Anyone in the community is able to submit a picture of their decorated door via email to cnmisaparc@gmail.com by Monday, October 28, 2013 at 3 PM. Prizes available for winners! Contact Project Brabu for contest criteria at (670) 323-6590.

Week 5: WORKPLACES

CGC will be conducting **Questionnaires** at various agencies and passing out information regarding Behavioral Health in the workplace. Feel free to ask them questions when they visit your agency! Days and Times for agencies to be visited - TBA.

For more information on any of these events, contact CGC at (670) 323-6590.

*Note that schedule is subject to change.

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PSS posts negligible decrease in student population

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The CNMI Public School System posted a negligible decrease in its student population this school year 2013-2014 compared to last school year.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan reported to the Board of Education during its meeting on Friday that as of Sept. 23, PSS has a total enrollment of 10,635 students on

Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

That represents a mere 11-student decrease from the 10,646 student population recorded by PSS in school year 2012-2013, according to Sablan.

She described the decrease as insignificant and said that PSS is still okay with its teacher-student ratio.

Sablan said the biggest decrease was recorded by Kagman High School, which lost 17 percent of its student popu-

lation following the transfer of its grade 6 students to Chacha Oceanview Junior High School.

Marianas High School, meanwhile, saw its student population go down by 2.8 percent to 1,489 students, while Hopwood Junior High School also saw its number of students dip by 1.2 percent to a more manageable 1,213.

Conversely, two public schools on Tinian had the highest increase in student popula-

tion. Sablan said that Tinian Junior High School and Tinian Elementary School both registered increases in enrollment.

She attributed this to more students transferring from Grace Christian Academy and the closure of St. Joseph Catholic School on the island.

As a result of the transfer of grade 6 students to its campus, Chacha Oceanview also experienced a whopping 28-percent uptick on its student population,

according to the commissioner.

\$350K federal fund lefts

At the same board meeting, PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornborough reported that the system's federal grants is now down to \$350,000 as of Sept. 18, 2013.

"Almost all our consolidated grant money is expended. You'll see a lot of zeros. We have tiny amounts of public education money and a little bit of school-wide program that is down to \$19,000 with [purchase orders] that were turned in on the previous Monday. We still do have a little bit of private school money left."

He said what's left of the consolidated grant—around \$350,000 out of \$8.4 million—will now be rolled over into the

fund balance and added to PSS' new consolidated grant of \$8.7 million, which he expects to receive today, Monday.

With regards to the federal transit grant, Thornborough said only \$160,000 is left, which actually carries over from fiscal year 2011 monies. He said the \$160,000 is in two categories—some \$100,000 for bus maintenance and \$55,000 for new vehicle purchase.

Board member Marylou Ada, via conference call, asked Thornborough if there are future grants for PSS' fuel costs.

Thornborough said he has had talks with Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority special assistant Thomas J. Camacho but Camacho said all their grants are already obligated.

BOE chair Herman Guerrero said he would bring the issue up with Gov. Eloy S. Inos so that the government can set aside gas money for PSS.

DOLPHIN

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Army National Guard, runs Operation Enduring Freedom missions, the dolphin mythology exist. Same in Kabul, where Ivan's Headquarters Company bravely executes missions. The father-daughter tandem is friendly, listens well, and not afraid of danger. Oh, and they don't just communicate through phone calls and emails. Their family bond connects them through sonar.

"I'm proud of her and all my kids. Brittney chose to make the same sacrifices I am," said Ivan. "Our family knows we're here for the same thing. We wanted to deploy to serve our country; we're here to help protect our family."

The Igitols are rare military mammals. It's not often a father and daughter deploy together, let alone in the same unit. They're the only father-daughter duo among 30 Task Force Guam family pairs deployed to Afghanistan. There are many brother-brother and father-son tandems, but only one Igitols.

The As Matuis, Saipan resi-

dents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are the only family pair of 16 CNMI soldiers making this historic OEF quest with the Guam Guard. Brittney enlisted as a junior at Kagman High School in 2010. A few months later, Ivan re-enlisted after more than two decades out of military service.

"I wanted to challenge myself. I wanted to see if the military is for me," Brittney said. "I wanted to experience it. The military has been really good so far."

"I knew something was coming up because she kept asking about the military," Ivan, 48, said about his first encounter with Brittney's enlistment. "About a month after her enlistment, that was it. That opened the golden gate for me to re-enlist."

About 300 miles separates the Igitols. Brittney is stationed at Kandahar Airfield, southern Afghanistan, while Ivan calls Camp Eggers his temporary home. That's in the heart of Afghanistan's capital. The separation is good and bad, they agreed.

"There are some advantages," Brittney, 20, said. "I've grown,

and I don't have dad watching over me. It makes me feel more independent being away from dad. The disadvantage is missing my dad and his company. I love my dad. Being together, I miss that."

"We planned on being together this mission, but it just didn't work out," Ivan explained. "I tried bringing her into [Headquarters] company, but she changed her mind. She wanted to stay with her original unit."

Their missions are similar. Brittney's a tactical driver and her multi-toned, armored fighting vehicle often leads convoys. Ivan's a driver and troop movement specialist. When not on roads, he tracks other soldiers, keeping records on their whereabouts.

"I know I roll out of the wire more than he does," Brittney claims. "He's not going to argue with me on that."

Brittney's the second oldest of her brothers and sisters. Angela Marie, her mother, ("Make sure you call her that," says Ivan) actively is involved with the Family Readiness program. Husband and daughter agree that Angela Marie has finally adapted to their deployment

vows, or at least isn't worried as much.

"The whole family supports us. They have our backs," said Ivan.

"Mom's stronger now than when we first left," added Brittney. "But she knows we're with good people, good units. We have good leaders who take care of us."

Ivan and Brittney communicate often. They'll send text messages or emails, asking each other how missions went. They've seen each other just once in Afghanistan. In April, Ivan accompanied battalion leaders to Kandahar. These days, he gives his daughter the same advice he told her back then: "Keep your head up, keep your guard up. Be vigilant," Ivan said. "Stay fit and stay alive. Same goes for me. Be vigilant and come back home."

"I worry about him, especially with everything that goes on in Kabul," Brittney replied. "But I know he'll be fine. Dad's a good man. He's got good people with him."

Probably the biggest dolphin mythology of all holds true with the Igitols: Where there are dolphins, there are no sharks.

USCIS

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Some 1,954 different employers filed these initial petitions.

Sebrechts said that from Oct. 7, 2011, through Sept. 17, 2013, USCIS approved 5,405 initial petitions consisting of 10,491 beneficiaries or workers.

A total of 734 initial petitions were denied, consisting of 1,281 beneficiaries.

USCIS, an agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that handles immigration benefits, anticipates that many employers will request renewal of their CW-1 workers' permits later in the year.

DHS announced last week a limit of 14,000 non-immigrants under the CW program for fiscal year 2014 starting on Oct. 1, a mere 6.66-percent cut from the current 15,000 cap.

The new cap takes into consideration the number of petitioned workers in fiscal year 2013 while accommodating possible economic growth that might lead to a need for additional nonimmigrant workers.

The law requires an annual decrease in the CW cap until the CW program ends on Dec. 31, 2014—unless the U.S. Labor secretary decides to extend the transition period.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said during the weekend that the cut in available foreign workers will

increase pressure on businesses to do more to recruit qualified local workers.

"It also means that the Commonwealth government and educational system will have to do more to train local workers for jobs in our economy. Visitor arrivals are increasing, hotel occupancies are high, resort renovations are beginning, and the local government has made a new commitment to spend the backlog of capital improvement grants that Congress has provided. More jobs will be created as a result and we have to be ready," Sablan said.

As of last week, the U.S. Labor secretary has yet to decide whether or not to extend the transition period.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Sablan had asked for a five-year extension or up to 2019.

The CNMI would lose access to an estimated 12,000 skilled, semi-skilled, and professional foreign workers if the transitional CW program is not extended.

Sablan said a grant of an extension "should not be an excuse to reduce efforts to assure that qualified U.S. workers are hired."

The delegate wrote to USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas on Sept. 24, asking for an update on USCIS efforts to step up investigation of employers alleged to be hiring CW workers while turning away U.S. workers who are qualified for jobs.

INTERVENTION

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to be paid from a minimum of over \$40 million to a maximum of \$60 million.

In Maratita's and Taisague's motion, Quichocho said his clients want to protect and defend the CNMI Constitution and laws and their rights.

Quichocho said that Maratita and Taisague want the Johnson class to continue to receive 100 percent of their benefits under the CNMI retirement system, not the Johnson settlement fund

which would defer up to 25 percent of benefits.

"Movants want the CNMI to constitutionally appropriate funds for the CNMI retirement system, not the Betty Johnson settlement fund," he said.

Johnson, the CNMI government, and the NMI Retirement Fund, through their respective lawyers, are opposed to Maratita's and Taisague's request to intervene in the case, saying the lawmaker's motion "lacks coherent legal foundation, [is] untimely, and frivolous."

But in their reply, Quichocho said that Maratita and Taisague

acted diligently in filing their motion to lift the court's stay order that stopped all proceedings except final approval of Johnson's settlement agreement.

Quichocho said the deadline to "opt-out" was Sept. 20, 2013, and that Taisague timely opted out of the settlement class.

That day, Sept. 20, the lawyer said, movants learned that there was not enough "opt-outs" to cancel the settlement agreement, and immediately filed a notice of appearance and notice of intent to file a motion to intervene.

Quichocho said that since the deadline to opt-out was Sept.

PERMIT

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For a garage or building for commercial repairing, cleaning, upkeep or storage of automobiles, trucks or gasoline engines, his proposed fee is \$75.

Reyes said for hotels, motels and any other building or establishment not covered under Section 2 of his bill, the fee shall be \$100.

The senator's bill seeks a \$125 fee for any business that

distributes, stores, uses, or sells fireworks.

Lastly, the senator proposes a \$150 fee for any business that distributes, stores, uses, or sells gasoline, diesel, or propane gas or any other type of gas.

Reyes said the fire chief is to charge the fees for the issuance of permits, review of plans and other procedures, "including but not limited to testing and certification of the fire alarm system."

The Fire chief will have the task for coming up with regu-

lations once the bill is signed into law.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the House Committee on Commerce separately said last week that they want to call in Department of Public Safety Commissioner James DeLeon Guerrero and Fire chief Tom Manglona to clarify the implementation of the \$500 fire safety code permit fee, amid concerns from small to large businesses about the "costly" fee and the ways in which Fire personnel are conducting their business visits.

The governor's specific concerns include the permit cost, which he said is steep, and the night inspections, while his suggestions include making some "adjustments" for businesses with full fire insurance or imposing the fee in a gradual manner.

Some businesses interviewed said the Fire Division's fire safety code permit and the Department of Public Works' certificate of occupancy seem "overlapping" and "duplicative."

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\$400 special assessment fee.

Cruz said that, as of Sept. 13, all three have paid a total of \$7,077.71, leaving a total balance due of \$339,447.29 against Villagomez; and \$371,471.03 each against James and Joaquina Santos.

Cruz said the amount of Fund proceeds to be levied in Villagomez's case shall not exceed \$339,447.29; and \$371,471.03 each against

James and Joaquin Santos.

Villagomez's original sentence of seven years and three months in prison was lengthened to nine years during a resentencing hearing in federal court a few months ago.

The Santos couple were also sentenced in August 2009 to six years and six months in prison each.

The defendants were convicted for their role in a conspiracy to defraud the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. through needless purchases of a de-scaling chemical called Rydlyme.

Governor extends CHC emergency declaration anew

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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos extended anew on Friday the state of emergency declaration for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., even as he noted CHC's "improving but still uncertain financial state and is in arrears in regards to utility payments."

"Although CHC's financial condition is improving, it is still in such a state that it is jeopardizing CHC's federal funding because it affects CHC's ability to maintain adequate infrastructure, equipment, and personnel," the governor said in his Executive Order 2013-20.

The emergency declaration suspends procurement regulations to ensure

compliance with the U.S. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services certification, among other things.

The Sept. 27 executive order remains in effect for 30 days.

Since last year, CHC's state of emergency declaration has been extended every month. Inos told reporters in August that he is poised to lift this in early fiscal year 2014. That fiscal year begins

tomorrow, Oct. 1.

In 2012, CHC was notified by federal authorities that due to deficiencies in its operations and infrastructure, CHC will cease to be eligible for Medicare/Medicaid payments, along with other penalties if the deficiencies are not timely remediated.

CHC receives some \$22 million in

annual reimbursements from Medicaid and Medicare. Without the certification for continued Condition of Participation, CHC stands to lose this huge federal assistance.

While CHC was given a temporary reprieve, federal authorities have yet to render a final decision on CHC's eligibility for Medicare/Medicaid payments.

IT&E to help dispose of old cell phones

The CNMI's telecommunications leader is taking steps to become the environmental leader with its new "Live Green" campaign.

The IT&E Live Green campaign was started as a joint project undertaken by CNMI and Guam employees earlier this year that focused on finding

ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle throughout the company.

After successfully implementing policies and procedures that drastically scaled down the size of IT&E's carbon footprint, the next phase of the project will bring Live Green to the community.

IT&E will post receptacles

at retail outlets where customers from any phone company may dispose of their old cell phones. When the receptacles are filled, the items will be picked up from IT&E and shipped to the U.S. mainland for proper disposal.

"As responsible community

partners, we are doing this to help our environment and to keep our islands beautiful," said IT&E CNMI managing director Rose Soledad.

The first receptacles will be placed around Saipan and Guam. CNMI project coordinator Ed Javier said there may be more in store.

"We would like to include the community in our Live Green

campaign. If the project is successful, we may include Rota and Tinian as well," said Javier.

According to him, the project is moving along swiftly and the first receptacles are slated to appear in CNMI and Guam stores before the end of the year.

The Live Green concept is an extension of IT&E's tradition of environmental appreciation that includes beach

cleanups and its partnership with the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance that supports the sponsorship of recycling bins at the Oleai Sports Complex as well as sponsoring MINA's largest fundraising event of the year, the Green Gala.

For more information about IT&E, contact IT&E Customer Care at 682-4ITE (4483). (IT&E)

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IN SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE

4 'stranded' divers, boat operator 'rescued' at Ladder Beach

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Four "stranded" divers and a boat operator were "safely rescued" during a search and rescue exercise conducted Thursday on Saipan by over 30 personnel from the CNMI and Guam.

"The coordination went well," according to Homeland Security and Emergency Management special assistant Marvin K. Seman.

A big challenge of the exercise, Seman said, was the radio communication problem due to the hill and tower that were blocking their signal.

Seman said they were already aware of the problem because of prior search and rescue incidents in that area. He disclosed that they will install equipment in their response vehicles this week to address the problem.

The exercise took place at Ladder Beach, Obyan Beach, Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa, Smiling Cove Marina, and the waterway between the islands of Saipan and Tinian.

The participants used five rescue boats: a U.S. Coast Guard cutter, Department of



HSEM CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Homeland Security and Emergency Management special assistant Marvin K. Seman uses a binocular to look for the four "stranded divers and one boat operator" as other rescue team members discuss their plan at the incident command post they put up at Ladder Beach on Thursday morning. Over 30 personnel from various agencies from the CNMI and Guam participated in the search and rescue exercise.

Public Safety's Zodiac 2 and 3, and Fire boat, and Division of Fish and Wildlife's boat. There were also response vehicles, operation centers, and support personnel.

Seman said the exercise was intended to hone the skills of the responders in searching for and rescuing individuals in distress.

Aside from HSEM, U.S. Coast Guard, DPS Boating Safety, Police, and Fire Division, and Division of Fish and Wildlife, the Commonwealth Ports Authority Police-Harbor Patrol, and Division of Environmental Quality also joined the training.

Seman said the exercise began at 9:20am with the scenario that they received a call about a distressed vessel and four overdue or unaccounted divers.

The boat operator called for assistance; 911 was notified

and the report was relayed to the emergency operations center. Police officers and HSEM personnel were sent to Ladder Beach to investigate. After the call was confirmed, DPS Boating Safety boats were then launched.

Additional support was requested from CPA Harbor Patrol and DPS Fire boat to search from Naftan Point to Coral Ocean Point all the way to the Tinian channel. An incident command post was set up at Ladder Beach. Guam Coast Guard was then notified.

Five rescue boats conducted a grid search. The stranded boat was found past 10am and was towed to shore. After an hour, the rescue teams located the "stranded divers," brought them to a boat and transported them to Sugar Dock, where an ambulance and medics were waiting.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Bereaved families support group meeting on Oct. 3

A group that is in the process of forming a Compassionate Friends chapter on Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 6am to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai. The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive. For more information, call Jill Derickson at 287-5337 or e-mail jilld@pticom.com. To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassion-

atefriends.org. (PR)

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Oct. 1 from 10am to 6pm and 8:30pm to 10pm
- Oct. 2 from 10am to 6pm
- Oct. 3 from 10am to 6pm and 8:30pm to 10pm
- Oct. 4 from 9am to 6pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated above. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB13-MOR-172
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"CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUS SHELTERS ON ROTA, A PROJECT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF ROTA"

Copies of the Scope of Work may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

Questions regarding this project may be addressed to Mr. Francisco M. Atalig, Receptient Grant Manager at tel. No. 670-532-9451/9452. All responses to questions shall be shared with all prospective bidders.

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/s/ Herman S. Sablan
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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB13-MOR-173
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
BROKERS/REALTORS

This is to inform all CNMI Brokers/Realtors that we are currently accepting qualifications to represent the Commonwealth Development Authority ("CDA") in marketing of for sale properties. In order for CDA to consider your services you must submit the requirements below:

- Valid CNMI Business License (Copy).**
- Certificate of Compliance from the Revenue and Taxation Office.**
- Firm's History - Including resume of broker, realtors, and staff members, experience, and a list of accomplishments that are relevant to the scope of work stated.**
- Work Plan for Marketing Properties.**
- References, etc. - All proposers shall include the name, address and telephone numbers of at least three (3) clients from whom Real Estate services have been performed.**
- Other information that may be helpful to the evaluation team.**
- Proposal must be submitted in one (1) original and two (2) copies.**

Brokers/Realtors qualification will be evaluated based on firm's history, performance and marketing plan. Qualified Brokers/Realtors will be required to sign a CDA Listing Agreement stating terms and conditions.

All request for qualification (RFQs) must be submitted by Monday, October 7, 2013 at the CDA office, 2nd Floor in Oleai no later than 4:00 p.m. All RFQ received after stated deadline will not be accepted.

For questions contact Aaron Wood at (670)234-6245 ext. 308 or by email at loan@cda.gov.mp

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2013-CDA-06-RFP
 Submission Date: October 9, 2013 Time: 10:00 a.m.

"BROWNFIELDS MARKETING PLAN FOR CDA"

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular business hours.

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/S/ MANUELA. SABLON
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/s/ Herman S. Sablan
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/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, P&S

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2nd 'Let's Move Marianas!' draws huge crowd to Susupe



THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

Young dancers from Saipan Music and Dance Studio perform at the end of the event right before participants head home.

By **THOMAS MANGLONA II**
CORRESPONDENT

"Let's Move Marianas! Yengyung with the Kangkung" launched its Let's Move! 2013-2014 campaign last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Sports Complex in Susupe.

Let's Move! campaign chair Amber Lynn Mendiola said this year, the campaign reached over 700 participants within the first hour of the event. These 700-some youth and parents woke up early Saturday morning to participate in the four-hour event.

"We have even more activities than last year and more than 30 sponsors that made today a huge success," Mendiola said. "We want everyone on the is-

land to live a healthy lifestyle and raise awareness on how to live a healthy life style."

One mother at the event said: "We came to last year's Let's Move! event and had a blast. I decided to bring my two sons and husband with me again this year and we are having an even greater time."

A variety of activities, like

tai-chi, soccer, and weightlifting, hosted by organizations like the Northern Mariana Island Football Association and Saipan Soccer School, Get Fit CNMI, Saipan Ultimate Frisbee Club, Northern Marianas Athletics Association, and others had many members of the community engaged in fun sports events under the hot sun.

Those who registered and participated in athletic events received a complimentary vegetable package filled with tomatoes, eggplant, and *kangkung* (water spinach), from the Women, Infants, and Children program.

"WIC is giving a bag of tomatoes, eggplant, [and] *kangkung* to people who show up at

today's event," said WIC clinic manager Ruth Sablan. "All of these vegetables are purchased from the Farmer's Market and we are hoping that families will serve local, healthier foods to their kids."

The event also featured many booths exhibited by the campaign's sponsors. *See related story on Page 8*

Gov. Eloy S. Inos appeared at the end of the event, saying he is glad to see the youth "enjoying themselves and doing something good for themselves."

"The turnout is amazing. I wish we had this kind of event many times during the year," Inos said. "This kind of event is

what is needed, this is it."

At the very end of the event, participants were treated to a sweet surprise from the Saipan Music and Dance Studio performers, with a flash mob of Beyonce's *Move your Body* just before parents and their children headed home after an active morning.

The CNMI is now an official "Let's Move! City" as of July, which was a nomination approved by the National Let's Move! Council.

Mendiola told *Saipan Tribune* that the CNMI ranked No. 16 and is in the Top 20 in the nation among 400 other Let's Move! cities.



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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OUTBOARD MOTOR ENGINES/VEHICLE CPA-PAN-003-13

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority will sell at Public Auction, October 4th, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. two (2) units, 2006 Mercury Outboard Engines, 250HP/Four Stroke and one (1) unit 1996 Toyota Camry.

The outboard engines will be sold as a pair only and may be inspected at the CPA Seaport Office, Port of Saipan by contacting Ms. Kay Inos at telephone number 664-3550/3560.

A minimum bid for the engines is set at \$3,000.00. Open bid for the vehicle. The engines and vehicle are sold "As Is" and "Where Is" and without Warranty. The successful bidder is required to pay 20% down payment at CPA Seaport Office on acceptance of bid. Balance shall be payable at the CPA Accounting Office, Saipan International Airport within 5 calendar days from auction closing date. Failure to pay will result in the forfeiture of the down payment. Payment shall be in cash, cashier's check, or money order payable to CPA.

CPA assumes no responsibility for any costs incurred by bidder's in their preparation of the bids.

Inquiries may be directed to the Procurement Officer, Mr. Alex C. Tudela, at telephone number 237-6563.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director



The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has an opening for

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is a private, non-profit organization. Its purpose is to further the interests of business, as well as to promote quality of life and economic progress, in Saipan.

The **Executive Director** reports directly to the Chamber Board of Directors and manages and administers the Chamber Office.

Responsibilities:

- Manage the Chamber office and serve as custodian of Chamber funds
- Organize and attend Board of Directors meetings and Committee meetings and activities
- Plan and coordinate Chamber activities throughout the year
- Coordinate internal and external communications
- Prepare monthly newsletter
- Maintain Chamber websites
- Research pending legislative bills and prepare comments
- Respond to inquiries from members, non-members, residents, tourists, prospective businesses and others
- Promote Chamber membership within the business community

The applicant must have the following minimum qualifications:

- Resident of the CNMI/USA
- BA in Business Administration or equivalent
- Strong work ethic and customer service orientation
- Self-motivating
- Ability to work with a team
- Excellent organization and office skills
- Experience with computer systems/software (spreadsheets, word processing, desktop publishing)

Chamber office hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday; however, this is a salaried position and hours will vary.

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Qualified individuals should submit a resume and application to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office, 1st floor, Family Building in Garapan or contact 233-7150 for more information. Deadline for submission is October 02, 2013.

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference room.

AGENDA

- Preliminary**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
- Public Comments¹**
- Reports**
 - Chair's Report
 - Executive Director's Report
- New Business**
 - Casino Employee License Applications
- Executive Session²**
- Miscellaneous/Administrative Matters**
- Adjournment**

¹Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

²Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- LIHTC**
 - Blue Water Homes Update
- FISCAL AFFAIRS**
 - Financial Statements
- MORTGAGE CREDIT DIVISION**
 - Loans for Review & Approval
- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- OTHER MATTERS**
- ADJOURNMENT**

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

Organizations set up booths at 'Let's Move Marianas!'

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Over 10 organizations set up booths early Saturday morning for the Let's Move Marianas! Yenyung with the Kangkung" 2013-2014 expo at the Gilbert C. Ada Sports Complex.

One of the organizations that participated was the Motherread/Fatheread program and their booth had children shooting "hoops for books."

Viola Deleon Guerrero, coordinator for the Motherread/Fatheread program, said this was her second time to participate in the Let's Move Marianas! Expo in collaboration with the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and Joeten Kiyu Public Library.

"We are having kids that come to our booth shoot some baskets and when they score they either get school supplies or books. We want to incorporate fun and learning with an active lifestyle," she said.

The CNMI Community Guidance Center's Project Brabu also set up an exhibit that taught participants how to avoid using alcohol, drugs, and tobacco.

"Our main priority of our organization is focusing on the issue of underage drinking," said Lisa Dela Cruz, Project Brabu social marketer.

According to Dela Cruz, based on a recent survey conducted by Project Brabu, 41 percent of middle and high school students in the CNMI have consumed some amount of alcohol in the last 30 days. That is twice as much as the national underage drinking average of 20 percent.



Students watch a live cooking demonstration at the NMC-CREES booth on Saturday. THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Oral Health Division was also among the presenters at Saturday's event. Their booth handed out brochures and did live demonstrations on how to properly brush teeth and prevent cavities from forming.

Coastal Resources Management employees Amy Sanchez and Tehani Kirby manned the CRM booth that showcased CRM's "Size Matters" campaign, a project started by CRM outreach coordinator Nicole Schafer.

Children who were at the booth were taught how to fish for the right sizes of fish that they can take from the ocean to eat. The kids later took a pledge to keep the island and seas trash free.

The Division of Environmental

Quality's Our Lao Lao Campaign's booth demonstrated the negative effects of litter and erosion and encouraged participants to not only have a healthy lifestyle but to live and create a healthy environment.

The campaign's golden white-eye bird mascot, "Lulu from Lao Lao," drew much attention from the young demographic at the event.

"Birds like Lulu are only found on Saipan and Aguigan," said Our Lao Lao campaign manager Jihan Buniag. "Forest health equals land health. And birds like Lulu are all good indicators of a healthy forest environment."

Northern Marianas College CREES 4-H Youth Development Program, College Access Challenge

Grant, and Cooperative Research Extension and Education Services Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program brought to life the Let's Move Marianas! slogan: "Yenyung with the Kangkung."

The NMC-CREES booths not only handed out brochures about healthy living but also presented a live cooking demonstration using *kangkung* (water spinach) and other healthy local produce that participants sampled.

"The program does not only help families make healthy meal choices but we also try to show them how to stretch

their dollar to create healthy, inexpensive recipes," said one NMC-CREES representative.

Other organizations that held exhibits at last Saturday's Let's Move Marianas! include the Women, Infant, and Children program, the Hardt Eye Clinic, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Commonwealth Cancer Association, ANI-Ayuda Network Association, CHC Home Visiting Program, Family Violence Task Force, Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, Get Fit CNMI, American Red Cross, and the Department of Youth Services.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy birthday greetings go out to Eric Mafnas Sablan! Enjoy and take it easy out there! From your love and me! You know who we are.

Happy 73rd birthday to our Grandma Pua (Sept. 30)! May our Lord continue to bless you with many more birthdays to come! We love you! From your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.



Happy 1st birthday to our son, Marleon Junel Pinaula Repeki, who celebrated his birthday on Sept. 29, 2013. May you be blessed with many more birthdays to come. We love you! Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, your brothers Jacob, EJ, and the whole family.



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PORT OF SAIPAN BOAT SHED CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. CPA-SS-001-13 DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the construction of a new boat shed building at the Port of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The work shall include all materials, labor and equipment necessary to achieve a finished product, including but limited to the items in this scope of work and those shown on the working drawings. The proposal package which includes the scope of work and other considerations will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning September 30th, 2013.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Port of Saipan Boat Shed-Design/Built Services". One original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 11, 2013 at the Port of Saipan Conference Room. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only those contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting will be allowed to submit proposals. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the pre-proposal conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer



NMPASI

NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEM, INC.

NMPASI SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT

The Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) is asking the general public for comments about its proposed Statement of Goals & Priorities for fiscal year 2014. The local non-profit organization is applying for grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/ Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), and the Human Resources services Administration (HRSA), the U.S. Department of Education (DOE)/ Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and the Social Security Administration (SSA). In general, NMPASI proposes through each of its respective applicants to carry out the following:

STATEMENT OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES (FY 2014)

GOAL 1: To ensure that individuals with disabilities in institutional and/or community setting (1) are not subject to abuse/neglect, (2) are free from discrimination, (3) are provided with an appropriate education, (4) are provided appropriate health care services, and (5) are provided with opportunities to make informed decisions about their lives as independent, contributing members of the community.

Priority 1.1: In fiscal year 2014, NMPASI personnel will provide direct representation for program eligible persons with disabilities by conducting intervention strategies of reported cases of abuse and/or neglect to include, but not limited to, short-term assistance, investigations, technical assistance, administrative remedies, negotiation/ mediation, and/or legal remedies;

Priority 1.2: In fiscal year 2014, NMPASI personnel will collaborate with other agencies and/or people in the community to deliver and ensure protection and advocacy services to unserved and underserved individuals with disabilities in the CNMI.

Priority 1.3: In fiscal year 2014, NMPASI personnel will collaborate with other agencies and/or people in the community to conduct and/or facilitate trainings related to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities, to people with disabilities, their families and/or other members of the community;

Priority 1.4: In fiscal year 2014, NMPASI personnel will collaborate with other agencies and/or people in the community to disseminate information relating to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities to the community at large to include but not limited to using local media and/or other mediums for information dissemination;

Priority 1.5: In fiscal year 2014, NMPASI personnel will provide Information & Referral and/or Technical Assistance to interested individuals about issues relating to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities in institutional and/or community settings; and

Priority 1.6: In fiscal year 2014, NMPASI personnel will receive training and education in order to increase and improve the quality of protection and advocacy services on behalf of individuals with disabilities in the CNMI.

NMPASI, a local non-profit organization, administers grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), and the Human Resources Services Administration (HRSA), the U.S. Department of Education (DOE)/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and the Social Security Administration (SSA).

2nd Let's Move Marianas!

PHOTOS BY THOMAS A. MANGLONA II



From left, Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Let's Move campaign coordinator Amber Lynn Mendiola, a young volunteer, Catherine Perry, and Power 99 station manager Tina Palacios pose for a photo outside the Gilbert C. Ada Sports Complex on Saturday at the 2nd annual Let's Move Marianas!



Young participants check out Coral Reef Management's "size matters" campaign booth at the 2nd annual Let's Move Marianas!



Tai chi master Kevin Guolong Wang and his daughter lead participants in tai chi exercises.



Division of Environmental Quality's mascot, Lulu from Lao Lao, poses for a photo with Let's Move Marianas! participants. Seen at far right is DEQ Our Lao Lao campaign manager Jihan Buniag.



A GET FIT CNMI member teaches a participant how to properly lift weights during a workout.



Parents, volunteers, and children pose for a photo after a long and active day under the sun.



Let's Move Marianas! choreographer and a Saipan Music and Dance Studio dancer perform some swing dance moves for the audience in a flashmob.

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Dr. Seuss goes to Washington

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Peter Dreier teaches politics and chairs the Urban & Environmental Policy Department at Occidental College. His latest book is *The 100 Greatest Americans of the 20th Century: A Social Justice Hall of Fame*. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.



Sen. Ted Cruz has egg on his face. Green egg. On Tuesday, during his 21-hour marathon “filibuster” against Obamacare, he read aloud to his daughters back home the Dr. Seuss book *Green Eggs and Ham*. But he clearly missed its message.

In the Seuss tale, Sam-I-Am, a lover of green eggs and ham, tries to persuade a friend to try them. But the man resists. He resists so persistently and so adamantly that he ends up sounding a lot like the Republicans on Capitol Hill who are determined to defund President Obama’s health-care law. But in the Seuss story, the man is finally persuaded to try the offending eggs and ham, and, much to his surprise, he loves them.

If only the GOP would take a page from that book.

In fact, the GOP could do a lot worse in its choices for filibuster reading material than Dr. Seuss books. Theodor Geisel, who adopted the pen name Dr. Seuss, was an outspoken progressive who actually has a lot to teach today’s Republicans.

In the early 1940s, before he became the world’s bestselling children’s author, Geisel was an editorial cartoonist for PM, a fervently liberal pro-New Deal daily newspaper in New York that devoted sections to unions, women’s issues and civil rights. The tabloid paper “was against people who pushed other people around,” Geisel explained. “I liked that.”

His cartoons viciously but humorously attacked Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. He bluntly criticized isolationists who opposed America entering World War II, especially famed aviator (and Hitler booster) Charles Lindbergh and right-wing radio priest Father Charles Coughlin, both of whom were anti-Semites. He used his cartoons to challenge racism against Jews and blacks, union-busting and corporate greed, which he thought divided the country and hurt the war effort. He decried the U.S. military’s racial segregation policies.

In 1947, Geisel lampooned anti-communist hysteria with a drawing in the *New Republic* that showed Uncle Sam looking on in horror at Americans accusing one another of being communists.

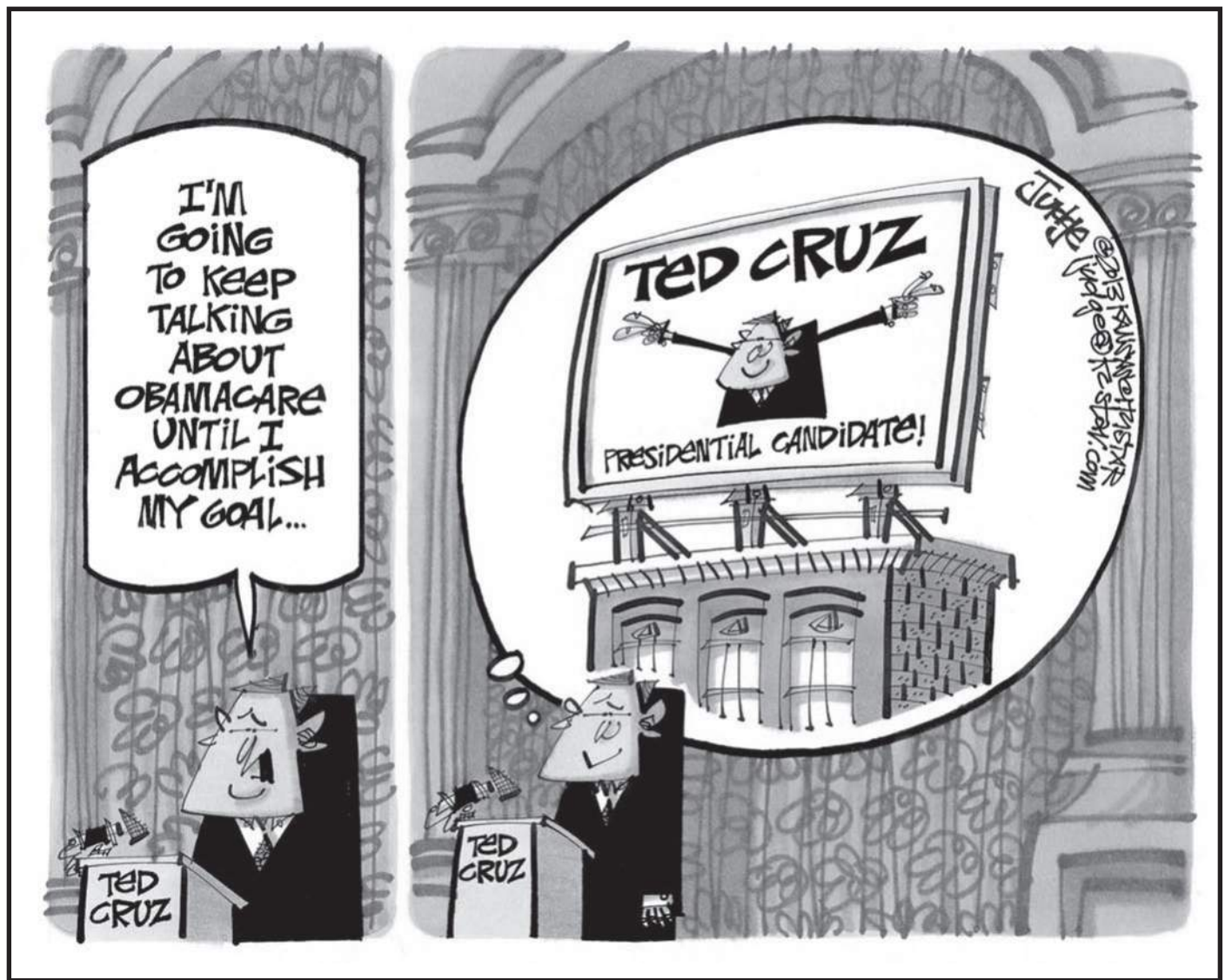
In his children’s books, Geisel was often a moralist, and his politically progressive views suffuse his stories. His books use ridicule, satire, wordplay and wild drawings to take aim at bullies, hypocrites and demagogues. Many Dr. Seuss books are about the misuse of authority—by despots, kings or even parents. In a university lecture in 1947, a decade before the modern civil rights movement, Geisel urged would-be writers to avoid the racist stereotypes common in children’s books, noting that America “preaches equality but doesn’t always practice it.”

So go for it, GOP. Embrace Dr. Seuss as the go-to author for future filibusters. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Horton Hears a Who! (1954). This book, written during the McCarthy era, features Horton the Elephant, who befriends tiny creatures (the Whos) whom he cannot see but can hear thanks to his large ears. In the book, Horton rallies his neighbors to protect the endangered Who community. As Horton puts it:

“A person’s a person, no matter how small.”

See DR. SEUSS on Next Page



Dealing with Iran: Get ready for a wild ride

If you like happy Hollywood endings, go to the movies. The Obama administration’s effort to negotiate a deal on the nuclear issue with Iran’s mullahs is going to be a wild and unpredictable ride. And for a lot of reasons, reaching a happy conclusion will be tough.

A deal on Iran’s nuclear program is partly about shutting down centrifuges, exporting uranium stocks, capping enrichment activities. It will require inspections, safeguards and the dismantling of sanctions.

But at its heart, the deal will involve politics. Iran will feel a need to demonstrate to its people and the world that it will not allow the West, and the United States in particular, to dictate its future. And the U.S. has a lot invested politically too, with three administrations having committed themselves to stopping Iran from acquiring a bomb. Any deal will need to acknowledge the politics on both sides.

We can insist all day long that this is a morality play that pits the good Americans against the bad Iranians (why do they need nukes anyway?), but in the end, Washington, Tehran and Jerusalem will all have to be able to claim victory. All sides will need to give up things, of course, but they must all end up feeling that what they gained was more valuable than what they surrendered. Iran must accept the fact that it will need to end its bid to develop nuclear weapons and agree to careful monitoring. In exchange, the U.S. will need to accept Iran’s right to enrich uranium for civilian purposes and end sanctions sooner than it might like.

The United States isn’t and can’t be a totally free actor in this drama. Even if Iran developed a nuclear weapon, we wouldn’t be the ones most vulnerable. And as unlikely as Iran attacking Israel or Saudi Arabia may appear, it would be irresponsible to trivialize their—and particularly Israel’s—security concerns.

U.S. diplomacy must take these fears into account, both for their merits and for political reasons. Washington will have to negotiate not just for itself but for its vulnerable allies. And Israel is the key. The task will be to determine what the Israelis really need, and then to reconcile those needs with U.S. goals, making it unmistakably clear that the president will not participate in a charade that allows the Iranians to run down the diplomatic clock while continuing to develop nuclear weapons capacity.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and President Obama both have tough domestic politics to deal with. Even though Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, empowered Rouhani to launch his diplomatic bid, that hardly means he’s a believer in an enhanced U.S.-Iranian relationship. Indeed, tension in that relationship may actually serve to consolidate Khamenei’s control. Sanctions have created pressure to reach an agreement with the U.S. But suspicious hard-liners, including Khamenei, will be watching and

By AARON DAVID MILLER

Los Angeles Times

Aaron David Miller, vice president for new initiatives at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, was a Middle East negotiator in Republican and Democratic administrations. He is the author of *The Much Too Promised Land: America’s Elusive Search for Arab-Israeli Peace*. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.



weighing both U.S. diplomacy and Rouhani’s own capacity to negotiate carefully and avoid missteps or traps.

Obama too will be under scrutiny at home. The president is operating in a political environment where mistrust of Iran is so deep and fundamental—and partisan tension so high—that it will take an impressive display of Iran’s flexibility to keep the administration’s Iranian initiative afloat. There is no foreign policy issue in Congress on which there is more unanimity than being tough on Iran. And there’s almost no incentive to show flexibility.

To do a deal will require the prospect of both gain and pain, carefully balanced. The Iranians want sanctions removed. But that clock has been ticking for years now, and despite the economic dislocation and misery in Iran, the mullahs can wait. Indeed, the Iranians may well have concluded that the president’s decision to go to Congress on Syria and the public’s reluctance to use force may have bought them more time.

For Obama, the clock is ticking faster, accelerated by Iran’s approaching capacity to make a weapon, Israel’s willingness to use force to stop it and his own commitment to do so if no negotiated solution is reached. To succeed diplomatically, he will need to offer the enticement of lifting sanctions, but he will also need to make clear the threat of military force. Communicating both these things at a time when the status of the Iranian nuclear program doesn’t yet warrant a strike and without blowing up the talks will require delicacy.

Indeed, in all aspects, negotiating a deal will require a rare degree of skill, will and luck, all commodities that are in very short supply these days, particularly for U.S. diplomacy. The U.S. would be wise to keep expectations low. We can’t expect large-scale transformations or lightning progress. The goal should be a more limited transaction on the nuclear issue.

If the Iranians aren’t serious, we’ll know it pretty quickly. If they are, and the U.S. and Iran are moving toward an agreement, time will be less of a concern, both to Washington and to Jerusalem.

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Free healthcare for some

The decision by President Obama to exempt members of Congress and staff from his signature Obamacare plan effectively shreds the U.S. Constitution on amendment to laws solely the purview of the legislative branch. The exemption also includes huge corporations and justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. The rest of the country must pay health premium increases between 9 and 300-plus percent.

The Obamacare shipwreck and decisions to cherry pick the exempted few is a tale that perhaps our country has begun the slide into a statist (dictatorial) government, parroting European socialistic countries. This is bad tidings as responsible conservatives air their concerns 24/7 on the dire need to uphold our national constitution.

If Obama has relented exempting members of Congress and their staff, huge corporations and Supreme Court justices, it stands to reason that he too finds his signature healthcare shipwreck a bit too steep even for highly paid people on the federal roll.

Such egregious misgiving on the part of the president simply depicts his lack of appreciation to ascertaining the equal application of laws to *all* citizens. Wasn't the social organizer from Chicago a lecturer of constitutional law at Harvard University Law School?

"Chief Justice John Roberts, a fan of Obamacare, shouldn't be prevented from receiving its benefits, according to Sen. Rand Paul.

Reportedly, Paul is planning to introduce a constitutional amendment to ensure that Roberts—and all other federal employees—are forced into the Obamacare system.

"My amendment says basically that everybody, including Justice Roberts—who seems to be such a fan of Obamacare—gets it too." Roberts cast the deciding vote in June; considered conservative all voted against.

"Now Paul wants to outlaw all exemptions, including for mem-

bers of Congress, making sure taxpayers and lawmakers are treated equally under the Affordable Care Act. His planned constitutional amendment would ensure that federal employees do not get special exemptions from the law of the land.

"Members of Congress and their staffs received in August a perk most taxpayers won't get: a 75-percent subsidy for their cost of their own health insurance plans. Paul said he is on board with a plan floated by Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana to do away with that subsidy as well.

"Paul and a growing chorus of conservative lawmakers have expressed outrage over an 'Obamacare fix' that gives special privilege to government, even as most uninsured taxpayers will have to use the Affordable Care's healthcare exchanges."

Has NMI descent descended?

When pronouncements are made to guard the interest of the indigenous people as trumpeted by the NMI Descent Group, it boggles the mind why the seeming quietude on such issues as Kilili's agenda to turn Carolinians into historic minority here.

Is it a case of missing their train-ride while standing at the station? Where's the proactive activism that comes with the territory of pushing for the protection of the indigenous people? Why the obvious lackadaisical *mañana* when they ought to be up front and center to derail Kilili's plans?

If there's truth to their commitment to protecting indigenous property, why the mute voice on the planned expansion of bombing of Farallon de Mendenilla? You see, when you break it down to its simplest form, it's easy discerning that islanders eat fish, not destructive bombs, unexploded bombs, and debris.

Is leadership snoozing on the job, a bit exhausted by the rather involved task at hand? Eh, these issues take more than lukewarm empty speeches or useless rhetoric. Must come to terms of its oblig-

that would ordinarily come to their business. For example: If the average tourist spends \$150 at DFS, that amount could drop to \$50 or even \$0 because the tourists are gambling their money away at their hotel. This is what economist call cannibalization when one business feeds off other businesses' existing sources of revenues.

This is a great example of why we need economist(s) in our Legislature so we don't keep making these ridiculous mistakes. Given that electronic gambling will cannibalize existing business to a large degree, we then know how terrible it would be with casinos on Saipan that will cannibalize every business, including funds going to the church. The Legislature has created the conditions for cannibalization on a grand scale in the CNMI and didn't know it. I won't put a mustard seed of faith in the belief that we will be generating new revenues from the electronic gaming, as it is induced cannibalization.

Ambrose M Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

Freedom of choice

When I became an adult I had to choose what's good for me in life. For example, even though I know that it is bad for my health, if I choose to be a cigarette smoker, alcohol drinker, or tobacco and betel nut chewer, then it is my choice. I am old enough to know what's good and bad.

My father once told me that, whether I smoke or I not, I am still going to die. I also think about my religion, that God decides when to end people's lives. My own philosophy is that I will enjoy my life while am still alive.

In our CNMI there is a lot of help for people who are addicted to bad habits. This is a good *ayuda* (help) network so people can become healthier in life. Sometimes the system works for some people. We can educate them about the effects of these habits, but we cannot tell them to quit.

Million of people die every day in the whole world from different sicknesses. I believe our local government has no need to raise taxes just to get harsh on those individuals with bad habits. The government should be proud because it's collecting revenue from the distributor.

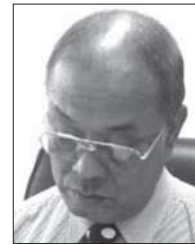
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Kannat Tabla, Saipan

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



atory duties.

Protecting indigenous property

Most folks simply didn't react to our being granted the territorial sea. It's finally federal law but did we really review what's in it other than the granting aspect of it?

In other words, what's in the language of the new law? There's a reason I insist that it be revisited forthwith. For instance, what if a huge oil deposit is found within the territorial sea? Is the mineral the property of the NMI or the federal government?

In brief, check what the law says and didn't say. As far as I know disposition of minerals is the sole disposition of the federal government. So hold on to your full round of applause. This issue needs to be pinned down thoroughly.

Is impeachment in order?

Most elected officials have simply ignored Article 3, Section 20 governing retirement pension. Such behavior is definitely appalling and astonishing! It shows a high tolerance for corruption that contradicts all the norms of modern government enshrined in our Constitution. It exposes the feebleness of our institutional control systems.

Fidelity to the rule of law is sacrificed in favor of political histrionics or pirouette. You quiz if this isn't the beginning of a statist or dictatorial government. It opens up opportunities for corruption to feed upon by politicians who have no regard for the rule of law.

Isn't the NMI a "government of laws?" Obviously, the Nancy Boys have decided to kick the can down the hill while peeping through the corner of their eyes if someone is staring. I am staring and ready to litigate this issue soon.

The issue on the fidelity to the rule of law focuses on our ability to strengthening our democratic republic or institutions. Apparently, instituting a true sense of self-government is far removed from what's politically convenient. Is this it, people? Isn't it the fidelity of law that you guys are in office? Or is corruption a new mantra of new indigenous rights?

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Buddy Magoo has placed his tie on his neck sashaying in front of the church. Quizzed why the snazzy attire, said he, "It's my birthday!" He wasn't too enamored to know that I've skipped celebrating my birthday for six decades. Why celebrate steady sailing into the sunset?

DR. SEUSS

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Yertle the Turtle (1958). In this book, Yertle, king of the pond, stacks up his subjects and stands on top of them in his attempt to reach higher than the moon. Mack, the turtle at the bottom of the pile, finally protests:

"I don't like to complain,

"But down here below, we are feeling great pain.

"I know, up on top you are seeing great sights,

"But down at the bottom we, too, should have rights."

The Sneetches (1961). In this book, a condemnation of bigotry, some of the yellow birdlike creatures known as Sneetches have green stars on their bellies. They look down on the Sneetches without them. After the starless Sneetches pay a huckster to put stars on their bellies, the original ones with stars pay the same huckster to take theirs off. Eventually, after several rounds of star addition and removal, the Sneetches realize the absurdity of judging someone by appearance.

The Lorax (1971). This cautionary tale about pollution came out less than a year after the environmental movement held its first Earth Day celebration. In it, a man tells a young boy the story of how the area lost its lovely Truffula trees and bearlike Bar-ba-loots despite the best efforts of the Lorax, who "speaks for the trees." His warnings are ignored by the factory owner who insists:

"Business is business!

"And business must grow."

It would be hard even for Sen. Cruz to miss Geisel's point.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A lesson in economic cannibalization

I must applaud the author(s) of the bill to create electronic gaming in hotels for trying but at the same time I must also thank Mr. Philip M. Long on Tinian for highlighting the economic exploitation method of cannibalizing to make money. I know the Legislature was pressed to come up with new revenues but I must tell our leaders, this bill will do more to cannibalize the existing economic system than contribute additional funding. The electronic gaming, like most things, will come at a cost and the question to be answered in this lesson is who will pay.

Senator Cruz was wise not to vote and I didn't speak out against the electronic gaming bill because the casino is more important to defeat. You can't win them all and the most detrimental bill is the casino so I let the chips fall where they may on the electronic gaming. My rationale as a student of sociology is that electronic gaming will not be that detrimental to the local society in hotels. Hotels are too exposed and their locations will not be as easily accessible as the poker machines. Those who are hooked on poker may change over to electronic gaming but we shouldn't see an epidemic of locals converging to play the electronic gaming machines past the short novelty period. In simple terms, the damage of hooking local people on electronic gambling is pretty much done with poker machines. But the casinos will offer an entirely new form of gambling that will surely have a much higher novelty factor, attracting many more and new local players with an obvious, much higher rate of addiction to casino gambling over electronic gaming.






With that said, first and foremost it must be understood that no one is going to get on a plane to come here to play electronic gaming machines; meaning if they were coming to the CNMI it was not for electronic gaming and their money was coming anyway! There won't be any electronic gaming flights either, so we will definitely not be getting new money but money that was coming here anyway! So if we were going to get the tourists' money anyway, then where is the new revenue being generated? There isn't any, duh! We will simply be redistributing the money that tourists would spend here anyway! Tourists may spend a little more because of the electronic gambling due to the addictive experience of gambling but it is clear we will not be getting new revenues.

The cost of the electronic gaming will be paid by the many businesses that will lose revenues to the electronic gambling machines

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Palau	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 90 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 75
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 75
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 80

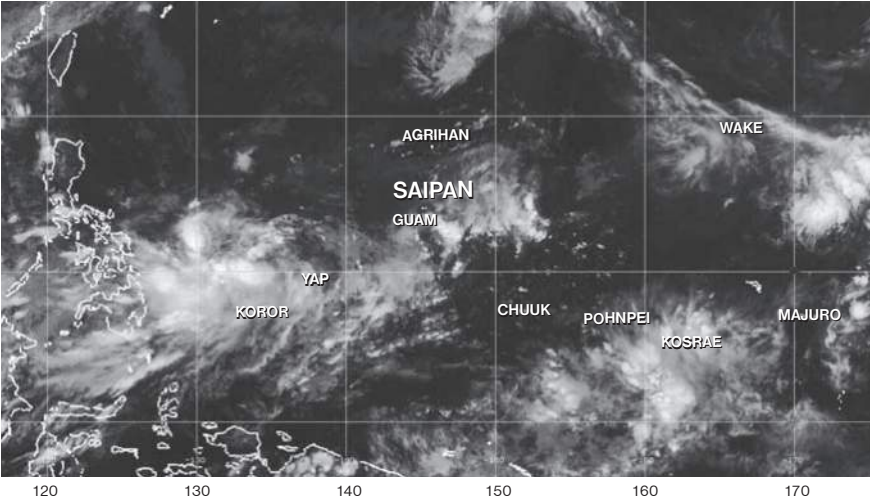
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Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 63
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 73
London	Showers	▲ 63 ▼ 58
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 82 ▼ 58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 58
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 76
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 73 ▼ 56
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 69
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 56
Pusan	Showers	▲ 79 ▼ 67
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲ 73 ▼ 60
Salem	Rain	▲ 57 ▼ 52
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 60
Seoul	Showers	▲ 77 ▼ 63
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76 ▼ 71
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 78 ▼ 61

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:12 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
11:14 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
6:07 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough meanders east-southeastward from Luzon through 14N130E to a developing circulation north of Koror at 11N136E then continues to the east-northeast over the Marianas to end near 16N153E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Koror and west of Yap west of a line from 12N137E to 3N134E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found between Yap and the Marianas and also east of the Marianas within 150 miles of a line from 10N141E to 11N145E to 14N148E and also southeast of Koror within 100 miles of a line from 1N135E to 4N140E. An elongated circulation is found close to Minami Tori Shima near 25N155E. A surface trough extends southeastward to end west of Wake Island near 17N162E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between Minami Tori Shima and Wake Island within 130 miles of a line from 25N157E to 17N165E. An upper-level trough curves southward from an upper low centered well northeast of Wake Island near 31N174E to end near 19N171E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found east of Wake Island within 200 miles of a line from 17N169E to 16N173E to 22N180 and farther north of a line from 25N171E to 24N174E to 25N180. A near-equatorial trough extends northeastward from 2N163E to a weak circulation centered east of Kosrae near 5N166E then continues east-northeastward to end near 7N173E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring over portions of Kosrae state and south of Pohnpei south of a line from 2N151E to 7N162E to 5N170E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:07 AM	6:07 PM
Tuesday	6:07 AM	6:07 PM
Wednesday	6:07 AM	6:06 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	6:05 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:04 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:47 AM	2:40 PM
Tuesday	2:36 AM	3:21 PM
Wednesday	3:26 AM	4:01 PM
Thursday	4:16 AM	4:42 PM
Friday	5:07 AM	5:24 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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Spending smart: Drive your auto insurance lower

By GREGORY KARP
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The ideal way to save money is to exert effort once and automatically reap savings over and over again, every month. That's why examining your car insurance makes a lot of sense.

Auto insurance prices vary

widely. On average, car insurance cost Americans \$789 per vehicle annually in 2008, the most recent year of data provided by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

But your costs could be far higher or lower because of the state you live in. For example, Florida, New Jersey and New York were among

states where the average was more than \$1,000 annually. North Dakota's average expenditure was \$503.

"In an age when people are cutting out cable television, it pays to look at car insurance," said Des Toups, managing editor of CarInsurance.com.

Here are ways to save on car insurance.

COMPARE: If you think all auto insurance rates within a state are about the same, you're wrong. Premiums can be very different for the exact same policies, depending on what factors an insurer chooses to emphasize in its rate formula.

"It's a calculated bet," Toups said. "The insurer asks, 'What's the least amount of risk we can take to make the most amount of money?' That's why the numbers are so different."

For the youngest drivers, comparison shopping could save about \$1,100 a year, according to a study by CarInsurance.com. You might think you get better service from higher-priced insurers, but there seems to be no correlation, according to a study by the Consumer Federation of America.

"Many people stick with the same insurance carrier year after year without ever shopping for a better deal," Consumer

AVERAGE COST

Average auto insurance expenditure per vehicle for select states:

- California, \$776
- Connecticut, \$950
- Florida, \$1,055
- Illinois, \$720
- Maryland, \$922
- Pennsylvania, \$817
- Virginia, \$663
- Nationwide, \$789

Source: National Association of Insurance Commissioners, 2008 data

Reports says in its guide to car insurance. "Blind loyalty to one insurer can cost you dearly."

You can request quotes by phone or online. For online quotes, you might want to set up a separate, free email account at Hotmail, Gmail or Yahoo to receive them so they don't litter your regular email inbox.

Check your state insurance department website for comparative information on insurers in your state. You can check on the financial health of an insurer at such rating agency websites as moodys.com and standardandpoors.com.

BUNDLING: Choosing an auto insurer is important, too, because you might want to get your home insurance through

the same carrier. Auto rates vary more and probably are more expensive, so let that be the insurance that, well, drives your decision.

Like bundling your pay-TV, phone and Internet access with one company, you can get discounts for bundling your insurance with a single insurer, said Jim Fults, associate vice president of auto and personal insurance at Fireman's Fund Insurance. At Fireman's, he said, customers can save \$400 to \$600 a year by bundling auto and home insurance.

If you have multiple vehicles with the same company, your most expensive driver will be assigned, by default, to the most expensive car. So, if your teenager will drive the Honda far more than the Lexus, make sure the teen is listed as primary driver of the cheaper vehicle, Toups said.

DEDUCTIBLES: A deductible is the part of the bill you pay out-of-pocket before insurance kicks in. The higher deductible you're willing to accept, the lower your premiums will be. Changing from a \$200 deductible to \$1,000 could save you 40 percent,

DID YOU KNOW?

Similar to a credit report, you also have an insurance-claims report. It can affect whether an insurer agrees to issue a policy and what rates you pay. To see what insurers know about your claims history, get a C.L.U.E. It's your free, annual auto and personal property claims reports by the Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange. Get it once a year online at <http://personalreports.lexisnexis.com>.

Other resources: Sampling of online resources about auto insurance: www.insureuonline.org, Ill. org, Insure.com

says the Insurance Information Institute.

Fults suggests examining several different deductibles to see how they affect premiums.

"I think people would be really surprised, when they looked at changing a deductible of just \$500 or \$1,000, by what that does to the price (of premiums)," he said. "For some vehicles, it might move it considerably. In other cases, it might not."

Personal finance experts typically advise choosing the highest deductible you can financially stomach if it will give you big price breaks on premiums.

BIG BROTHER DEVICES: There are some new high-tech devices that insurers are starting to offer. For example, some devices will block the use of

cellphones in a moving car, often used for teenage drivers, Fults said.

Insurers are also starting to introduce optional "telematic" devices, which, once installed on a vehicle, collect data about your driving habits for the insurance company. You get a discount for agreeing to use one, and your rates are based on your driving habits.

People who drive less and drive slower might have lower rates than people who drive a lot at high speeds, for example.

Such devices are available from several insurers and are allowed in most states. Insurance companies say the devices are used only for discounts, not for raising premiums, Toups said.

"From the insurer's point of view, these things are meant to reward and isolate those low-risk drivers," he said. "You're signing up for the prospect of a discount."

CREDIT: You wouldn't think your proficiency at paying bills would have anything to do with whether you'll crash your car, but auto insurers insist there's a link. Drivers with problems on their credit reports are more likely to file claims, they say, and are charged higher insurance rates in states that allow tying rates to credit.

"Credit has become, in the last 10 years, a very widely used and fairly significant part of the calculation of what your final price will be for auto insurance and home insurance," Fults said. "It was introduced in the 1990s and has slowly been incorporated into every carrier now."

Carriers aren't so much looking at your three-digit credit score as they're looking at the stability and good standing of your relationships with creditors, Fults said.

Still, there's a correlation with scores. A CarInsurance.com study showed that drivers with credit scores over 750 save an average of \$783 a year compared with a drivers in the same age bracket with average scores.

Check your credit report once a year for free from each of the three major credit bureaus at AnnualCreditReport.com.

DISCOUNTS: Make sure you're getting all the discounts you're entitled to—for driving low miles every year, for example. A teen driver, who can raise rates 50 percent, can get a discount if he or she has good grades, typically at least a B average, Toups said.

Taking time annually to review your coverages with your insurer will make sure you're getting those discounts, Fults said. You'll not only incorporate your life changes into

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ON THE MONEY

Cutting auto insurance costs

By CHUCK MYERS
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The route to a lower rate for car insurance may be a trip down the information highway.

A number of websites offer a variety of tips and advice on how car owners can take the financial bite out of auto insurance. Here is a sampling:

■ **Autos.com:** Spotlights tips for first-time car insurance buyers. <http://www.autos.com/auto-insurance/first-time-car-insurance-tips-for-lower-rates>

■ **Consumer Reports:** Discusses types of car insurance and money-saving tips. <http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/cars/car-buying-advice/guide-to-new-car-buying/after-the-sale/guide-to-insurance/index.htm>

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■ **DMV.org:** This private group provides car insurance savings guide tailored for teens and parents. <http://www.dmv.org/insurance/teen-guide-to-car-insurance.php>

■ **Edmunds.com:** List 10 ways drivers can lower the car insurance bill, with additional related articles. <http://www.edmunds.com/auto-insurance/>

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Ford amps little Fiesta into ST hotrod

By CHRIS WOODYARD
USA TODAY

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—The pocket rocket is back. Ford has brought a souped-up version of its smallest car from Europe to U.S. with hopes that a new generation of younger drivers will want a wake-up call when it comes to the idea that driving can be fun.

The new car is the Fiesta ST, which joins the slightly larger Focus ST as the bad little boys of the Ford lineup.

They share a few characteristics. Like all small cars, they are easy to maneuver in crowded cities, relatively cheap to buy and frugal at the pump. They're usually stripped down to the performance essentials. Like muscle cars, they invite aggressive driving and are often happily pushed to the red line of their tachometers—smoking tires and all.

"You've got a lot of people (who want a car) that is small enough to drive around town, but give them sort of a pleasure for driving," says Jim Pickering, managing editor of *Sports Car Market* and *American Car Collector* magazines. "It's got to get their gears turning."

Fiesta is aimed at turning the gears in the hearts of en-



The 2014 Ford Fiesta ST is the brand's performance subcompact, meant to compete with the Fiat Abarth and Mini Cooper S.

thusiasts with its turbocharged engine. It's a 1.6-liter, four-cylinder EcoBoost motor delivering 197 horsepower, 77 more horsepower than the conventional Fiesta, brought to the U.S. market three years ago.

Fiesta ST is capable of zero to 60 miles per hour in a crisp 6.9 seconds, Ford says. Top speed is 137 mpg, but the car still gets a respectable 26 mpg in the city, 35 on the highway.

In the hills north of Santa

Monica, the Fiesta ST's fun factor can be put fully on display. The Fiesta ST cranks out a ton of power and responds well to being thrashed around curves. The ride is comfortable, yet firm, even on broken pave-

ment. Steering is tauter than a standard Fiesta. Through it all, the cabin remains so quiet that Ford engineers added a system to bring pleasing engine sounds to driver's ears.

From the business perspective, Fiesta ST is a model citizen for Ford's policy of trying sell as many of its vehicles in different markets around the world. Because the ST was developed in Europe and is on sale in many countries, it doesn't need huge volumes to succeed in the U.S. "We're answering the No. 1 question" asked by enthusiasts, says Seema Bardwaj, the ST marketing manager, "Why can't we have this here?"

As the rowdy little brother to Focus ST, Fiesta ST is likely to draw a younger buyer.

Those who follow small performance cars see how cars like Fiesta ST can revive the small performance car segment, showing that it's here to stay. Enthusiasts became hooked on cars like the hot Hondas of the 1990s. Many are sticking by small cars and when it comes to the segment, "I don't think it's going to die anytime soon," Pickering says.

But automakers need to tread carefully, says Jeff Palmer, a founder of the Temple of VTEC, a website devoted to Honda performance cars. Potential buyers are quick to see

through false claims about performance. "You need to make sure the product has credibility," he says. And automakers need to remember, too, that a lot of buyers of these small cars have limited budgets. "It's a price-sensitive market," he adds.

That having been said, observers sound impressed. "They've done a very good job with it," says Jack Nerad, editorial director for Kelly Blue Book, as he finished up a drive in the ST.

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your auto insurance, but you'll learn about the insurer's new products and pricing, which change often.

DROP COLLISION: It might be worth dropping collision coverage on older cars that aren't worth much. Consumer advocate Clark Howard said the time to consider dropping collision is when cars get to be about eight years old. His rule of thumb: If your annual, not monthly, premium for collision and comprehensive is more than 10 percent of your car's value, remove collision coverage and just pay the liability premium. Find your vehicle's private-party sale value at such websites as KBB.com, NADAGuides.com and NADAGuides.com.



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Efforts grow to keep elderly drivers safe on the road

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

M IAMI—This is not your teenager's driver's ed.

In this class, no one gets behind the wheel to learn how to make a three-point turn. Instead, the instructor gives students exercises to loosen their neck muscles and strengthen their ankles. He tells them about special rearview mirrors. And he gives them a reality check.

"Our bodies after 50 are not the bodies of a 40-year-old or a 30-year-old," says Ramiro C. Acosta. "We are never going to be what we once were."

Acosta, a 75-year-old re-

tired accountant, is the Spanish program coordinator for AARP's Driver Safety Program. He teaches the six-hour class at the Kendall (Fla.) Regional Medical Center, hosted by Health-2-You/Los Saludables, a senior citizen group associated with the hospital. The AARP class covers topics from accident prevention to car-safety features. AARP members pay \$12; others pay \$14.

Most of his students are retirees hoping to get a discount on their car insurance. But Acosta wants them to take home more than savings.

"I want them to be able to drive in Miami as safely and with as little stress as possible," he says.

More seniors are on the road



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than ever before, and organizations from AARP to AAA and the Florida Department of Transportation are taking note. If current trends continue, older drivers will also be staying behind the wheel longer. This is particularly true for Florida, which claims five of the nation's top 10 cities with the highest median age, including Fort Lauderdale and Hialeah.

Statewide, more than 17 percent of the population is 65 and older, and those older folks make up 18 percent of drivers. As the baby boomer generation ages, demographers predict that by 2030, Florida's 65-and-over set will make up 27 percent of the population and one in four drivers.

"We're going to see a tremendous jump," says Gail Holley, the Safe Mobility for Life manager for the Florida DOT. "We've already started to see it."

The number of elderly drivers keeping their licenses has grown at a faster clip than the number of young drivers applying for them. A University of Michigan study, published last year in the journal Traffic Injury Prevention, found that older licensed drivers now make up a greater percentage of total drivers than they used to. More of them are also continuing to drive well into their 80s.

Today, about 94 percent of 65- to 69-year-olds and 78 percent of those 70 and older have licenses—up from 79 percent and 55 percent, respectively, in 1983. In that same period, the number of drivers under age 40 dropped by 10 percentage points.

Researcher Michael Sivak says these changes will have "potentially major implications" for not only road travel but also car manufacturers. Though many transportation experts are pushing for alternatives to car travel, Acosta's students in the AARP class say they want to drive for as long as they can.

"It's a matter of independence," Acosta says. "No one wants to turn in the keys."

Many of them have taken the class several times to brush up on skills. Charles Garrido, 84, is one of them. He has been driving since he was 15, but he

acknowledges that people his age need a refresher course because so much has changed. "This type of class makes you feel better and more secure in driving," he says. "You have to drive defensively in Miami."

Older drivers usually are aware of the effects of aging, and most adapt their driving accordingly.

"They self-regulate," says Dennis P. McCarthy, director of the South Florida Community Mobility Research Lab at Florida International University. "For the most part, seniors are very safe drivers. They avoid situations that make them uncomfortable."

So they don't drive at night or on the expressway. They avoid rush hour. They drive fewer miles and have a higher rate of seatbelt use. They tend not to drink and drive.

But there is some debate about how good their safety record truly is. On one hand, they have fewer crashes per licensed driver. On the other, they have more crashes per miles driven. Most experts say they are safer than younger drivers, and often by a lot. A 2010 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety study showed that crash rates among older drivers declined at a faster rate than for other age groups. The decrease extended to both fatal and nonfatal injury crashes as well as property-damage-only crashes. The declining crash rates hold true in Florida as well.

Ironically, this study was a follow-up to a 2001 report in which the institute sounded the alarm about traffic safety because of the growing number of seniors behind the wheel. Researchers at the institute are now backing off a bit from that claim.

"They're not becoming the menace that some would like to portray," says Anne McCartt, the insurance institute's senior vice president for research.

Cartt and other researchers don't know why crash rates have been going down. Some cite improved safety features in cars. Others say today's older drivers are physically and mentally healthier, making them better drivers and less prone to serious injuries when they do crash.



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Pimp my (small, eco-friendly) ride

By JOHNNY DIAZ
SUN SENTINEL

When Craig Hoi Pong darts around in his car, fellow motorists stop and stare.

They check out his 17-inch rims, lowered suspension, LED blue-hued lights and yellow rear spoiler.

His isn't a muscle, hot rod or a classic car. It's a two-seat Smart car—on steroids.

"Gas was killing me and I thought, 'Let me get one of these Smart cars and customize and see how it goes,'" said the 35-year old, who owns Hoi Pong Customs shop in Sunrise, Fla. "I'm not at the mercy of the gas pump (now), but I wanted it to look cool."

The Toyota Prius hybrid, the Fiat 500 and Smart models might be smaller in length and pack less horsepower, but that's not stopping their owners from going the extra mile to personalize them—or from showing them off on city streets and at automotive events.

At a recent Friday cruise-in event in a Davie, Fla., parking lot, a souped-up black Mini Cooper looked noticeably out of place next to a much-larger 1960 Chevy Impala and late-model Ford pickup. Now owners of small customized cars have their own event each Wednesday night at Hoi Pong's shop.

"It's just the lifestyle down here," Hoi Pong said. "The car scene is big."

And small.

As gas-friendlier car models have hit the roads in recent years, their budget-minded buyers are putting money aside to give these cubicle-sized vehicles more aesthetic oomph, said Dan Edmunds, an auto engineer with the car industry website Edmunds.com.



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Custom car shop owner Craig Hoi Pong has customized his Smart Car with new wheels and a lowered body. His car is shown in Sunrise, Florida.

Sometimes modifications can cost almost a third or even half of what owners paid for the car. Hoi Pong has spent about \$4,000 in altering his 2013 Smart car, which cost \$14,000.

Just adding different tires and rims doesn't cost that much and can make a big difference, Edmunds said. "They will be entertaining even if they are pretty economical cars."

Yes, adding bigger or high-performance tires may negate the cars' gas savings, he said, but motorists also need to take their driving habits into consideration.

"Attitude is everything when it comes to (miles per gallon). You need to drive like the throttle and brake pedals are made from eggshells to do

well," he said.

Some dealership and auto shop employees say they've been seeing more drivers customizing their pint-sized rides.

"People want something to call their own. They want to personalize them to match their style," said Stephanie Rivero, events coordinator at Rick Case Fiat in Davie. The dealership has a customized version of its Lilliputian Italian vehicle parked outside, showing drivers its modifications potential.

Besides modifying the car for fun, Hoi Pong also sees it as good business.

"Everywhere I go, people are always asking me questions about it and how much I like it," said Hoi Pong, adding that he's landed eight clients after they saw him driving his car around

town. "If anything, people are always beeping the horn."

Although he does have bigger muscle cars souped up, such as a Chevrolet Camaro and Dodge Charger, he mostly drives the white Smart car to

deliver parts and drop off estimates to his customers.

"People don't expect a big guy like me coming out of a Smart car," added Hoi Pong, who stands 6 feet tall.

And drivers don't usually

expect to customize hybrid cars at first.

Kai Tang, 29, was driven to buy a 2012 Lexus CT200h hybrid hatchback purely to save gas.

But then he realized he could trick it out with some modifications. He lowered the suspension by 3 inches, added lighter rims and refurbished the car's interior from tan and black fabrics to red.

"I have done everything that I can do to it," said Tang, a cabinet manufacturer in West Palm Beach, Fla., who has spent \$10,000 on the modifications. "It's saving me gas, but it's more appealing. It looks a lot better."

R.J. Enriquez of West Palm Beach, Fla., also modified his white 2013 Prius plug-in vehicle by painting the roof black so that it matches the side mirrors and adding an antenna that resembles a shark fin. He also installed 18-inch wheels, up from the car's standard 15-inch wheels, and dropped the suspension by 2 inches. His Prius rolls like a low rider.

"It kind of ruins the gas mileage a little bit, but for the look of it, it's worth it," said the 35-year-old nurse, who commutes daily to Miami.

When he pulls up in his Prius in his travels, he often hears jokes and comments like: Why would you do that?

His response? "It looks the best on the car. Why do people buy Nikes? My thing is cars."



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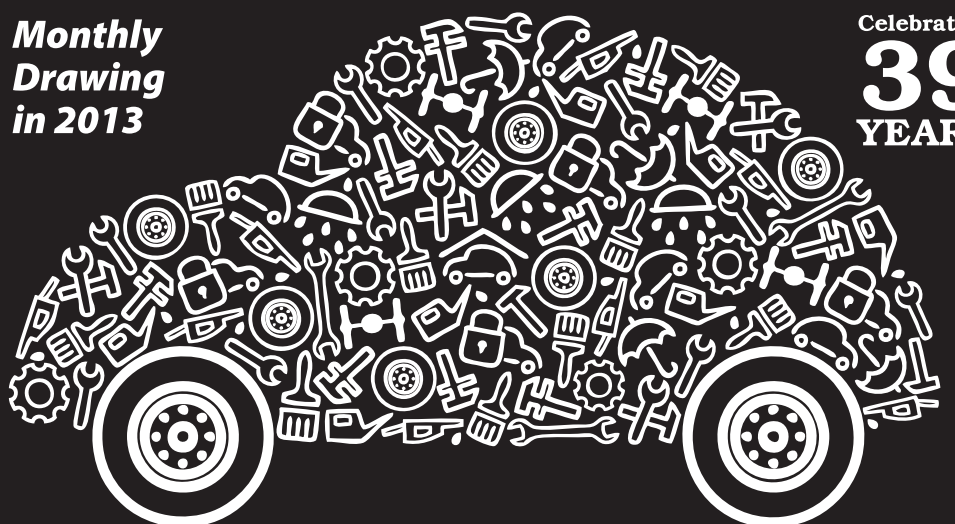
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DETROIT—It's the simplest \$1,000 you'll ever make. No tricks. No gimmicks.

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"It's like money in your pocket," says Charlie Vogelheim, executive editor of Kelley Blue Book, the bible of auto values. "Just do a few simple things and when it's time to sell, it can easily make \$1,000 difference. Maybe more."

Enter the detailer.

These are guys—almost all detailers are men—who scrub

and buff and polish your car and, ideally, leave it looking better than the day it left the showroom. But for all the considerable magic detailers can work, most car owners won't go near them.

Industry estimates vary, but most suggest that fewer than 2 percent of car owners ever turn to a detailer. A major reason is the cost.

There are two types of detailers out there: high-end and mass-market.

Taking your car to a high-end detailer is like treating yourself to a luxurious spa. It's pricey—\$200 to \$350—but your car will get pampered and preened and come out looking totally rejuvenated.

The detailers who do this work are masters of minutiae. And, if you take their word for it, they're worth every penny.

"I'm the best detailer I ever knew," says Randy Cox, president of Northland Collision in suburban Ferndale. His shop details roughly 100 cars a month. Take yours there and his detailers will give it an eight-hour makeover. They'll shampoo the carpets with Woolite and scrub down the interior with toothbrushes and Q-Tips. Outside, they'll baby the car with cold water baths and a blow-dry, followed by an array of treatments with specialized buffers. Finally, they'll touch up nicks and give it a hand wax.

"When I do my own car, I wash it with my bare hands," Cox says of his 1972 Maserati Ghibli SS. "And then I dry it with my leaf blower. I know that's an unrealistic approach for a lot of people. But if you wipe your car, you scratch your car. And we deal with some very specialized vehicles here," he says, gesturing at some of the day's more exotic clients: an aluminum-body Lamborghini, a vintage MG and a 2000 Porsche Boxster that is halfway through its



terior cleaned or the exterior waxed. For \$60 or so, you can get all three. Many of the area's larger car washes offer some variation on the package. There's no attempt to deal with nicks in the paint or to reach every crevice. But there is no question that when the car is done, it looks much better.

Jax Car Wash abandoned full-blown detailing in the mid-1990s in favor of the streamlined approach, says Martin Hawthorne, manager of the Jax in suburban Southfield.

"When you look at how many people are

willing to spend \$150 to \$200 versus spending \$24.99, it was an easy decision," he says. Back in the 1990s, Jax was detailing three cars a day. Now the number is closer to 35. "You'll get a more thorough job at one of the custom detailers. But what we do here can make a big difference, too."

Even this modest treatment is enough to boost the price when it comes time to resell, Vogelheim says.

"There's no need for someone to spend \$300 every month or so to keep their car in good shape," he says. "But you do have to take care of it. Cars are the most complex consumer items out there. And just about the most expensive. Spending \$75 every few months to protect that investment isn't unreasonable."

day at the spa.

To those who believe in it, there is no other way to go.

"I drive my cars hard," says David Boyd, a suburban Huntington Woods sales rep who has had cars detailed at Northland for 36 years. "When they get done with it, all the imperfections are gone. The end result is that you've got a head-turner, inside and out."

There are other options. You can do the work yourself. All it takes is time, patience and an abundance of mild cleaning materials. But for many of us, that sort of painstaking work is too much.

This is where the mass-market detailers come in. They won't give your car Cox's fine-tooth comb approach. But for as little as \$25, you can have carpets shampooed, the in-

Which ones are tops on resale value?

Chrysler Group's Jeep and Honda's Acura have a model lineup that holds its value after five years better than other brands, says Edmunds.com.

The two brands were tops in its third annual Best Retained Value Awards. It measures how well car and trucks hang on to their value after five years of owners.

But when it comes to individual models, a raft of automakers have a piece of the action. Here are the winners:

■ **Compact Truck:** Toyota Tacoma, 60.2 percent

■ **Convertible Under \$35,000:** Ford Mustang, 48.3 percent

■ **Convertible \$35K-\$45K:** Chevrolet Camaro, 46.6 percent

■ **Convertible Over \$45K:** Ford Shelby GT500, 48.4 percent

■ **Coupe Under \$25,000:** Honda Civic, 49.9 percent

■ **Coupe \$25K-\$35K:** Dodge Challenger, 54.5 percent

■ **Coupe \$35K-\$45K:** BMW

3 Series, 45.2 percent

■ **Coupe Over \$45,000:** Chevrolet Corvette, 49.6 percent

■ **Hybrid:** Toyota Prius, 47.4 percent

■ **Large Light Duty Truck:** Chevrolet Silverado1500, 54.5 percent

■ **Sedan Under \$20,000:** Ford Focus, 54.4 percent

■ **Sedan \$20K-\$30K:** Honda Civic, 50.9 percent

■ **Sedan \$30K-\$40K:** Dodge Charger, 47.8 percent

■ **Sedan Over \$40K:** Porsche Panamera, 43.6 percent

■ **SUV Under \$25,000:** Nissan Rogue, 48.2 percent

■ **SUV \$25K-\$35K:** Jeep Wrangler, 56.5 percent

■ **SUV \$35K-\$45K:** Toyota 4Runner, 51.1 percent

■ **SUV Over \$45,000:** Lexus LX 570, 50.5 percent

■ **Vans:** Honda Odyssey, 44.3 percent

■ **Wagon Under \$35,000:** Toyota Venza, 48.9 percent

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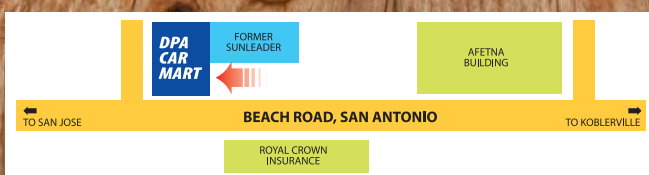
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How to make a smart buy for your student

By LARRY PRINTZ
THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

It's time to head back to school. For some students, this means more than buying a laptop—it means buying a new set of wheels. Before deciding on a specific model, consider these simple things:

SAFETY GEAR

This should be the first consideration of any car buyer, especially if you're buying for young and inexperienced drivers. You want the most safety gear possible for the price.

Start by looking at vehicles with the greatest number of air bags—including front and side. Other safety items to look for include anti-lock brakes, traction control and electronic stability control.

While it's easy to get these features in a new car, finding them in a used car is more difficult. If a car lacks some of these, don't assume that a vehicle's size will offer greater protection.

Just because a vehicle is large, that doesn't mean that it's safe. Large, old SUVs can have a high center of gravity, longer stopping distances and greater chance of rollover.

SAFETY RATINGS

If you're convinced that the vehicle you intend to buy has the requisite safety gear, it's a good idea to also check the vehicle's crash-test ratings.

The car is not worth it if it has per-

formed poorly in National Highway Traffic Safety Administration tests or the more stringent ones performed by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). New car price stickers list NHTSA's crash ratings. They're also available online alongside older ratings at www.safercar.gov. The safest cars get a five-star rating.

The IIHS's ratings are available online at www.iihs.org. IIHS also lists insurance loss rates for various models, which can guide you to models that cost less to insure. IIHS's crash tests include photos of the various models, so you can see how they perform. Their safest models earn a Top Safety Pick Plus designation.

RELIABILITY

You'll want a vehicle that your scholars can drive 500 miles without breaking down. But this shouldn't be the worry that it once was. The reliability of all cars is improving, and the reliability gap between Asian and American automakers has narrowed considerably, although European makes still lag.

It's a good idea to avoid a car in its first year in production. No matter who makes the vehicle, the first year of a new design is less reliable than the last year of an old design.

While many consumers turn to Consumer Reports, another good source is J.D. Power and Associates, which rates not just new cars, but reliability after three years of ownership. Find its ratings online at www.jdpower.com.



MATCH YOUR LOAD

There is a push-pull between what young buyers want to buy—something sporty—and what parents want to get—something practical.

Given that college students cart a lot of stuff back and forth, you'll want to buy something that can safely carry all their gear.

Look specifically at the load rating

of the vehicle. If a vehicle can carry four passengers and has a load rating of 1,000 pounds, it's easy to over-stuff the cargo area once all four passengers are aboard. This makes the vehicle unstable and unsafe.

Also, make sure the car isn't too powerful. If they have too much power behind the wheel, they're going to want to use it.

TRUE COST OF OWNERSHIP

Most people look at the purchase price as the sole cost, without considering the cost of gas, insurance, maintenance and repairs.

While purchase price is important, what initially saves you \$1,000 can cost \$3,000 down the road. While you can estimate some of these costs, sites such as Intellichoice (www.intellichoice.com) give a fuller financial picture.

Also, consider a 1- or 2-year-old used car, especially if it comes with a manufacturer's extended warranty, since insurance tends to be less expensive on used cars. Choose a vehicle that doesn't depreciate quickly, since a student's lifestyle could change after college, and the car might be traded in.

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Finally, make sure all new drivers know the basics of car maintenance, such as how to use jumper cables, how to check the tire pressure and fluid levels, and how to change a tire. You never know when this knowledge will come in handy.

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Automakers bet on alternative-fuel cars for future

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Judging by the slew of electric and hybrid vehicles being rolled out, it might seem carmakers are tapping a large and eager market.

More and more automakers are coming out with electric versions of existing ve-

hicles—such as Volkswagen's all-electric versions of its Up! city car and Golf compact—or ones they have designed as electrics from the ground up, like small BMW's electric city car i3.

Analyst Christoph Stuermer at IHS automotive called Frankfurt "the first full-throt-

tle electric propulsion show" that's about "getting electric drive cars out of the eco-nerd, tree-hugger segment and into the cool group."

To whet appetites, automakers are making high-performance, luxury versions that give up little or nothing in performance to conventional

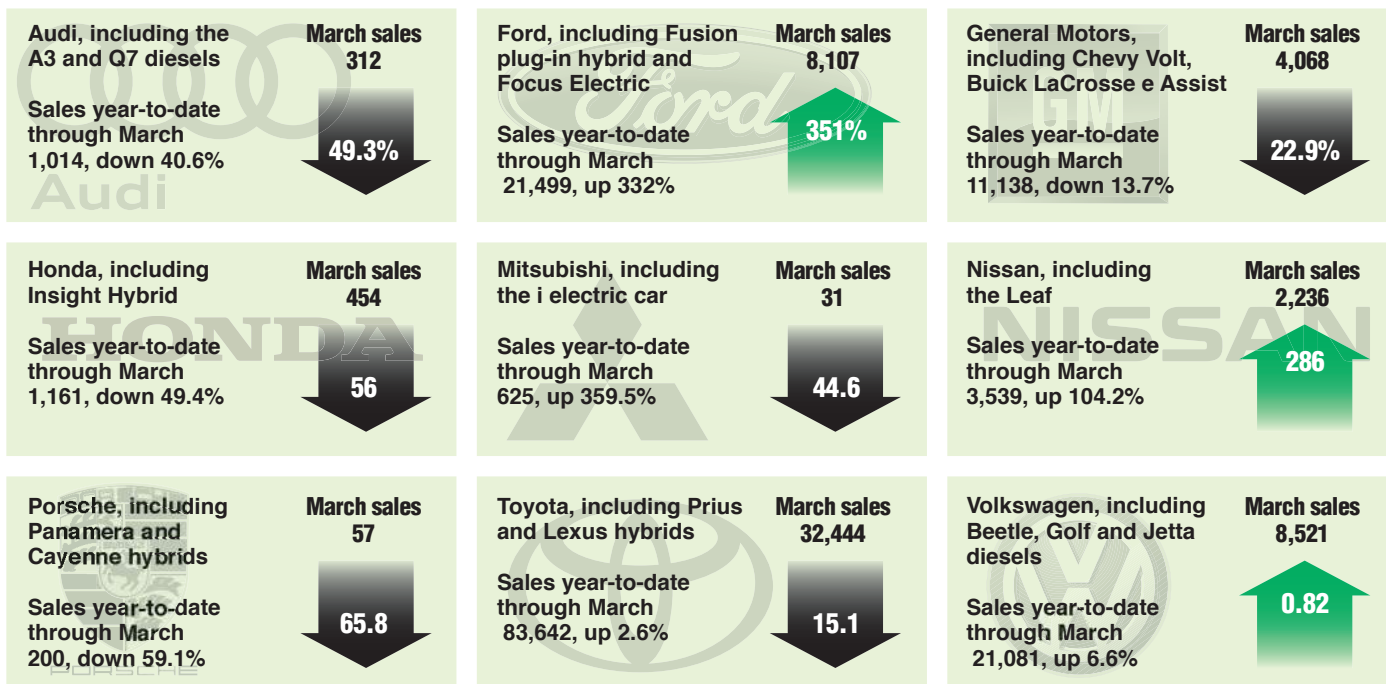
models. BMW's i8 goes 0-100 kph (0-62 mph) in a speedy 4.5 seconds. Audi's Quattro sport concept—meaning it's for demonstration, not for sale—is an aggressive-looking sports car with large air intakes flanking the grille and a whopping 700 horsepower from its hybrid drive. The

Green cars still a small part of new-car sales

Although green cars have been available for more than a decade and are more refined than ever, they only account for about 2 percent of new-vehicle sales and their sales continue to rise and fall with the price of gasoline. Many conventional compacts today get close to 40 miles per gallon, causing many consumers to reconsider the premium for a hybrid, an electric car or a diesel-powered vehicle. In addition, with all of the new oil production, the supply of gasoline is likely to be steady for the foreseeable future.

Green cars maintain market share but don't attract new growth

Sales of hybrids, electric vehicles and diesel-powered cars started the year strongly as fuel prices began to rise. But when prices began to flatten out, many green-car sales fell. Sales of some green vehicles in March and for the first quarter in the U.S.:



U.S. gas prices

Average cost per gallon of regular unleaded gas, 2013



Fuel economy of select hybrids

Ford C-Max Hybrid
47 mpg city
47 mpg hwy

Ford Fusion Hybrid
41 mpg city
36 mpg hwy

Chevrolet Malibu Hybrid
25 mpg city
37 mpg hwy

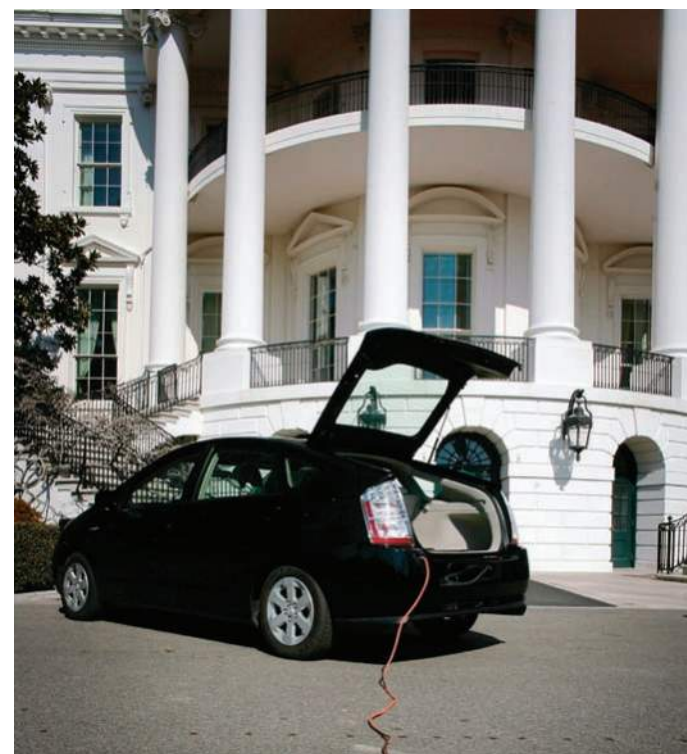
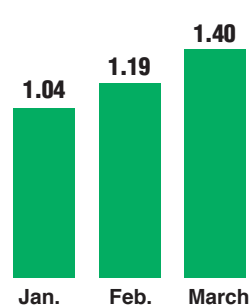
Honda Insight
41 mpg city
44 mpg hwy

Toyota Prius Hatchback
51 mpg city
48 mpg hwy

Volkswagen Golf Diesel
30 mpg city
42 mpg hwy

Car and truck sales

New vehicle sales in the U.S., in millions, 2013



CHUCK KENNEDY/MCT

A plug-in hybrid Toyota Prius vehicle using a lithium power battery by A123 Systems is parked outside the White House, after a demonstration on alternative fuel automobiles.

company says it can reach 305 kph (190 mph.)

The Mercedes S-Class plug-in hybrid version, meanwhile, has a powerful six-cylinder internal combustion engine plus an all-electric range of about 30 kilometers (20 miles). This way, owners could commute all-electric during the week, recharging overnight—but use the gasoline engine on a family vacation. The company says mileage is 3.0 liters per 100 kilometers, or 78 miles per gallon.

All this, to cater to a market that doesn't really exist in mass terms. Only 0.2 percent of all cars registered in Europe are hybrids, which combine batteries with internal combustion engines, or electrics, according to the ACEA European automakers association. In the United States, the Toyota Prius hybrid has broken into the top 10 selling passenger cars. However, electric vehicles

have struggled to increase sales numbers because of high prices and so-called range anxiety: buyers' fear of running out of power.

Analysts and executives say there are several solid reasons to make and promote such cars now. They can help lower average fleet emissions to meet government requirements—in Europe, offsetting increasing sales of conventionally powered sport-utility vehicles. And automakers want to be ready in case governments—perhaps in heavily polluted China—push people into emission-free vehicles.

"Short term, nobody will get a return on these investments," Daimler AG chief executive Dieter Zetsche told The Associated Press. "But definitely, long term, the development will go in this direction, and if you don't learn this lesson today you will not be in the game tomorrow."

"All these technologies have to be developed further and you can only do that, including industrial processes to reduce costs, by selling them."

Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn said one key to getting the hybrid and electric market moving is reducing the cost of the most expensive element—the battery. The company's goal is to cut the cost of a unit of battery power by a factor of five over the next several years.

Winterkorn said the company had included electric and hybrid models in the company's multi-platform manufacturing system. This standardizes parts and allows the same assembly line to produce multiple vehicles. That means a new electric could have modest sales numbers—but not involve the expense of additional plant capacity and parts design.

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Business

Hyatt's slew of appointments

Hyatt Regency Saipan recently announced a slew of appointments, including a new director of food and beverage, an executive sous chef, a chef de cuisine, a pastry sous chef, and a chef de partie.

"Hyatt Regency Saipan takes pride in personnel growth and development through its extensive training that has resulted in the appointment of several new members of its management team in the culinary division," said Hyatt director of human resources Josephine Mesta.

The new F&B director is Tyrell Pauling, who was appointed to the post effective May 2013. Mesta said that Pauling would function as the business manager and the marketing specialist for the hotel's food and beverage division.

Pauling earned his bachelor's degree in culinary and hospitality management from the Art Institute of Colorado and was certified as a chef by the American Culinary Federation in 2003. Prior to joining Hyatt, he has had roles in both the service and culinary areas of various restaurants in the United States since 1996.

Pauling began his career with Hyatt in 2000 until his assign-

ment as assistant F&B director for Hyatt Regency Perth in November 2009.

Meantime, Blake Carothers has been appointed executive sous chef effective February 2013 and will function as the assistant production manager for the F&B department.

Carothers had a degree in political science before making the shift to culinary arts, obtaining his bachelor's at the Le Cordon Bleu College and a master's degree in communications.

He first worked at Hyatt Regency Saipan between 2009 to 2012 before moving to Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe as lead banquets/butcher from 2009 to 2012.

Mesta also announced that Sugeng Pribadi is now one of Kili Café and Terrace's chefs de cuisine. His appointment was effective April 2013 and he is assigned to manage the kitchen as an independent profit center under the supervision of the executive chef and the executive sous chef.

Pribadi, who hails from Indonesia, first joined Hyatt Regency Saipan in 1999 as a cook and worked his way up to becoming Kili's chef de cuisine.

Mesta also announced the ap-

pointment of Shawn Sweeney as pastry sous chef effective July 2013. She will function as the production manager for all pastry products, making sure that they contribute to the overall success of outlets and banquets.

Sweeney hails from Portland and graduated with a degree in baking and pastry arts from Le Cordon Bleu. She first joined the hotel in May 2012 as an intern and was appointed to her current role.

Lastly, Mesta said Florendo Pacura has been appointed as Giovanni's chef de partie. Florendo first joined the hotel in 1992 as a cook. Under the guidance of Italian executive chef Gabriele Colombo, Florendo obtained an extensive knowledge in Italian cuisine.

Hyatt Regency Saipan, a 316-room hotel, is located in Gapan, Saipan, the CNMI's shopping and entertainment district. It features 14 acres of lush tropical gardens, with lagoons and the magnificent Micro Beach.

Reservations for Hyatt Regency Saipan can be made by calling 234-1234 or by visiting saipan.regency.hyatt.com. (Mark Rabago)

Why investors shouldn't fear a govt shutdown

NEW YORK (AP)—The government shuts down. The economy unravels. Stocks plunge.

That may be Wall Street's worst fear, but history shows it's mostly overblown.

There have been 17 government funding gaps and shutdowns since 1976, ranging in length from one to 21 days. A funding gap is when federal agencies continue to operate without the passage of a regular appropriations bill. None has caused a market meltdown.

The average decline in the Standard & Poor's 500 index during one of these periods lasting 10 days or more is about 2.5 percent. For those lasting five days or fewer, the average decline is 1.4 percent.

"If they shut the government down for two days, the world's not going to stop revolving," says Ron Florance, deputy chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank.

A shutdown may even offer a buying opportunity.

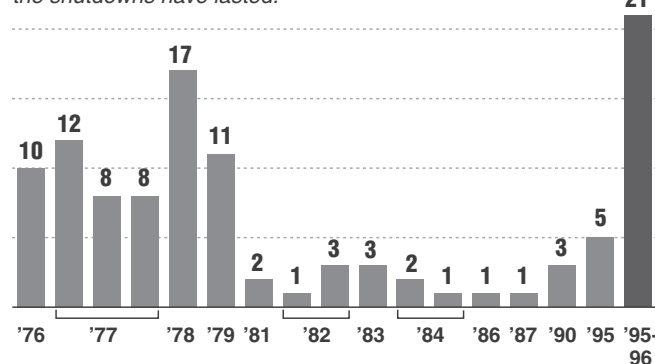
Investors should consider the improving outlook for the global economy instead of worrying about Washington.

This isn't August 2011, when the government hit the debt ceiling and the Dow Jones industrial average endured three weeks of triple-digit swings. Europe's economies are no longer in crisis and the U.S. recovery is farther along.

In fact, stocks rose 6.5 percent in the first three months

How many shutdowns?

There have been 17 government shutdowns, or "spending gaps" since 1976 because Congress has failed to pass appropriations bills to fund the government or to agree on a temporary funding fix called a continuing resolution. How many days the shutdowns have lasted:



How funding the government is supposed to work

- House and Senate each pass 12 appropriations bills to fund parts of the federal government (such as defense or agriculture)
- Differences between House and Senate versions are reconciled
- The new identical bills are passed by each chamber, then sent to the president to sign

Source: Congressional Research Service
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of 2013 heading into the most recent government "crisis," the start of the automatic federal budget cuts, also referred to as the sequester.

Still, investors this week have been warily eyeing Washington's budget negotiations. If a budget fails to pass, a government shutdown could start as soon as Tuesday. The stock market has fallen six of the past seven trading days. Although the two percent decline over that stretch is modest, it shows that investors have been leery of buying stocks ahead of two big financial deadlines for the U.S.

government.

Congress needs to pass a funding bill to keep the government operating after Oct. 1, when the new fiscal year starts. There is also the nation's debt ceiling, which needs to be raised before Oct. 17.

Investors worry that a potential shutdown or default could damage consumer confidence and the U.S. economy.

During Ronald Reagan's presidency from 1981 to 1989, shutdowns were a fairly regular occurrence and the government faced a funding shortfall on eight occasions.

Nation

AFTER DECADES OF SILENCE

Breakthrough in US-Iran relations

WASHINGTON (AP)—Iranian President Hassan Rouhani was ending his visit to the United States and inching through New York's notorious traffic when the call came from President Barack Obama in the Oval Office.

Fifteen minutes later, the two say goodbye in each other's language, and a generation-long rift between the U.S. and Iran was that much closer to being bridged.

Iranians awoke Saturday to learn about the groundbreaking conversation, the first in more than three decades between leaders of the two countries.

They pledged to resolve concerns about Iran's nuclear ambitions, which have isolated Iranians from the rest of the world and led to crippling economic penalties.

Upon his arrival in Tehran on Saturday, Rouhani was met by both cheering supporters and opposition hardliners who tried to block his motorcade.

Several dozen protesters shouted "Death to America" and at least one reportedly hurled a shoe, a gesture of contempt. Supporters greeted Rouhani with cheers and placards praising his peace efforts.

The focus now turns to negotiations among foreign ministers and other officials from the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council plus Germany. The group wants Iran to present a more detailed proposal before or at the next round of negotiations, scheduled in Geneva on Oct. 15-16, according to an Obama administration official.

Rouhani's aides initially reached out to arrange the call, said officials, who weren't authorized to comment by name and demanded anonymity. But it was Obama who signaled days earlier he was willing to meet with his Iranian counterpart.

By the end of the call, Obama was suggesting that a breakthrough on the nuclear issue could portend even deeper ties between the U.S. and Iran. Such a notion would have seemed unthinkable in recent years, when Rouhani's predecessor was describing America in satanic terms.

The telephone call capped a week of seismic shifts in the relationship while Rouhani was in the U.S. for an annual U.N. meeting. Obama had left open the possibility of an exchange with Rouhani, but the Iranian later said the timing wasn't right.

But hours before the phone call, at a news conference in New York, Rouhani linked the U.S. and Iran as "great nations." The night before, U.S. and European diplomats were hailing

a "very significant shift" in Iran's attitude and tone in the first talks on the nuclear standoff since April.

"While there will surely be important obstacles to moving forward, and success is by no means guaranteed, I believe we can reach a comprehensive solution," Obama told reporters Friday at the White House.

The U.S. and Western allies imposed the penalties after years of Iran's stonewalling inspections and secrecy about its activities fueled fears about its intentions—especially as they relate to Israel. Iran insists its nuclear program is strictly for peaceful purposes.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., criticized Obama for failing to pressure Rouhani on Iran's support for Islamic extremist groups and on human rights issues.

He said the U.S. is fooling itself if it thinks that Rouhani, who took office in August after running on a more moderate platform, isn't beholden to Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who controls matters of state, including the nuclear program.

For Obama, the call marked a realization of sorts of a stance he took in 2008, when he was first running for president and saying he would be willing to meet with leaders from nations such as Iran, Syria and North Korea without conditions. The policy earned him rebukes from critics who questioned what they derided as a Pollyanna approach to security threats.

The offer on the negotiating table for Rouhani would give Iran some relief from the economic penalties and pledge not to impose new ones. In exchange, Iran would end uranium enrichment that nears or reaches 20 percent, a level just a few steps from what's needed to produce fuel for an atomic weapon.

The deal, offered last February, would require suspended enrichment at Iran's fortified underground Fordo facility and increased access for U.N. inspectors.

"It's way too soon to presume either the prospect of an agreement on the nuclear program, which we hope to be able to achieve, but we're quite sober about the potential for that," Obama's national security adviser, Susan Rice, told CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS."

She added that "if we could have a peaceful resolution of the nuclear program and an end to Iran's support for terrorism and other behavior that has concerned us over many years, then we could begin a serious discussion about the future."



Obama



Rouhani

ACROSS THE NATION

5 dead in fiery crash in S. California

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—Five people were killed early Saturday morning after their car spun out and burst into flames in Burbank, trapping people inside, officials said. Firefighters assisted the coroner's office in removing the bodies, which were "burned beyond recognition," from the wreckage for further investigation, Burbank Fire Capt. Peter Hendrickson said. Lt. Larry Dietz of the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner said fingerprints or

dental records would be used to identify those killed depending on how badly they were burned. There was one survivor, an 18-year-old woman who managed to crawl out of the burning Nissan and was found by police about 50 yards away from the wreckage when they arrived shortly after 4 a.m.

Ex-soldier pleads not guilty in DEA killing plot

NEW YORK (AP)—A former U.S. soldier nicknamed Rambo pleaded not guilty Saturday to charges he plotted with

phony Colombian drug traffickers to kill a federal agent for \$800,000. Joseph Hunter, stocky and wearing a wrinkled gray prison jumpsuit, was held after the brief appearance in federal court in Manhattan. His lawyer declined to comment. An indictment unsealed Friday described the 48-year-old Hunter as a contract killer and leader of a trio of former soldiers who were trained snipers. Hunter, a resident of Thailand, was flown Friday evening to New York after he was expelled from Thailand, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said.

Asia

PH rebel hostage standoff over

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A deadly three-week standoff between government troops and Muslim rebels who held nearly 200 people hostage in the southern Philippines has ended with all of the remaining captives safe, officials said Saturday.

Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin said only a handful of Moro National Liberation Front rebels remained in hiding and were being hunted by troops in the coastal outskirts of Zamboanga city. He said authorities were trying to determine whether rebel commander Habier Malik, who led the Sept. 9 siege, was dead. Gunshots briefly rang out and a fire erupted in a small area Saturday.

More than 200 people were killed in the clashes, including 183 rebels, 23 soldiers and police, and 12 civilians. It was in one of the bloodiest and longest-running attacks by a Muslim group in the southern Philippines, the scene of a decades-long Muslim rebellion for self-rule in the largely Roman Catholic country.

"I can say that the crisis is over. We have accomplished the mission," Gazmin said by telephone from Zamboanga, where he helped oversee a government offensive and hostage rescue mission by about 4,500 government troops and police backed by tanks, navy gunboats and rocket-firing helicopters.

Gazmin said 195 hostages had either been rescued, managed to escape or were freed. It was unclear whether any of the 12 civilians killed in the standoff were hostages.

The gunbattles, including ex-



A government trooper rests amidst the ruins at the site of a three-week standoff in Zamboanga city, southern Philippines, Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013.

changes of grenade and mortar fire, forced about 130,000 residents—more than 10 percent of the population of the bustling port city—to flee their homes to emergency shelters, including Zamboanga's main sports complex. About 10,000 houses were burned by the rebels or destroyed in the fighting, which raged in a 30-hectare (74-acre) area encompassing six coastal communities, according to Interior Secretary Mar Roxas.

Cornered and outnumbered, the rebels sought help from their comrades from nearby provinces, but guerrilla reinforcements were repulsed, Gazmin said.

Police and troops still have to clear areas of the dangerous leftovers from the fighting, including unexploded bombs, guns, grenades and possible booby traps, Roxas said, adding that it may be up to two weeks before residents are allowed to return home.

Gazmin, Roxas and military chief of staff Gen. Emmanuel

Bautista briefly toured the scene of the most intense gunbattles Saturday in Zamboanga's Santa Catalina community, which was turned into a wasteland after nearly 100 rebels died in clashes there. Army soldiers retrieving dead guerrillas wore gas masks because of the stench from the bodies.

All the houses in the vast community were either burned by the rebels in daily infernos or damaged by gunfire and mortar blasts. Atop a bullet-peppered building, troops raised a Philippine flag at half-staff.

"The rebel siege is over and Zamboanga is free again," Roxas told reporters.

Bautista paid tribute to his soldiers, including 18 who were killed and 169 wounded in the clashes. Bautista's father was an army general who was shot to death with more than 30 of his men in a 1977 massacre by the same Muslim rebel group on nearby Jolo island.

World

Iran leader's US outreach meets praise and few pockets of anger

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Smiling and waving flags, Iranians from across the political spectrum welcomed President Hassan Rouhani home Saturday with cheers for his historic phone conversation with his American counterpart. But pockets of anger over the new contact between the two enemy nations signaled challenges ahead.

Hard-liners opposed to any improved contact with Washington made their objections clear as several dozen protesters chanting "Death to America" tried to block his motorcade in Tehran. The semiofficial Mehr news agency reported that at least one demonstrator hurled a shoe—a common gesture of contempt in the Middle East—in Rouhani's direction. Other reports said eggs were thrown at his car.

"Dialogue with Satan is not 'hope and prudence,'" some chanted, using the Rouhani's campaign from the June presidential election.

Rouhani supporters, meanwhile, greeted him with placards thanking him for seeking peace instead of confrontation. One banner read: "Yes to peace, no to war."

Friday's 15-minute phone call between Rouhani and



A supporter of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, holds a local newspaper with a headline that reads, "historic call from a return flight," upon his arrival from the U.S. near the Mehrabad airport in Tehran, Iran, Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013.

President Barack Obama capped a week of drama revolving around Rouhani's participation in the annual U.N. meeting of world leaders.

The Iranian leader now has the difficult mission of trying to unite the country behind his outreach to ease a three-decade-long estrangement with the U.S. and move toward a possible settlement to roll back sanctions imposed over Tehran's nuclear program. The West says Iran's program aims at developing weapons technology, while Tehran says it is for peaceful purposes.

The effort appears to have the critical backing of Su-

preme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. But even the endorsement from Iran's most powerful figure is not enough to silence criticism of the fast-paced developments during the past days.

Alaeddin Boroujerdi, who heads the foreign policy and national security committee in parliament, was quoted by Iranian media as saying that the call showed Iran's "might." But the hard-line rajanews.com news website said there was no justification for Rouhani to talk to the "Great Satan," its term for the United States, and that the conversation was "a strange and useless step."

Syria's FM: No transition plan without Assad

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Syria's government will not accept any transition peace plan that excludes President Bashar Assad, Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem told The Associated Press in an interview Saturday.

He spoke on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, a day after the Security Council approved a resolution that obliges Syria's government to comply with an international plan to destroy its chemical weapons arsenal. The resolu-

tion also endorsed the outcome of the Geneva conference between the government and the opposition in June 2012, which called for the establishment of a transitional government with full executive powers.

The Syrian opposition, which has been embroiled in a bloody conflict with Assad's forces for two and a half years, has repeatedly said it will not take part in any transition government that includes the president.

The latest statement from al-Moallem could mean that

efforts to organize a second meeting of the opposition and the government later this year in Geneva may fail.

"For the Syrian people, Bashar Assad is the elected president until mid-2014, when presidential elections will be held," al-Moallem said. Other candidates are welcome to run under the country's constitution, he added, stressing that only the Syrian people can choose their president, not outside governments or the opposition, which is based abroad.

Kenya blasts US over updated travel warning

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Kenya on Saturday sharply criticized a decision by the United States to reissue a travel advisory for the country in the wake of the deadly attack on an upscale mall in the capital Nairobi, highlighting fears that the assault could hurt the East African nation's lucrative tourism industry.

The U.S. State Department released the updated advisory on Friday that made specific reference to the September 21 terrorist attack on the Westgate Mall in Nairobi that left at least 67 people dead, including

several foreigners. Five Americans were injured in the attack, according to the State Dept.

The advisory, which contained similar wording to one issued in June, warned Americans to take caution in light of ongoing terrorist threats and the high rate of violent crime in some areas.

It noted that U.S. authorities continue to receive information about "potential terrorist threats aimed at U.S., Western, and Kenyan interests in Kenya, including in the Nairobi area and in the coastal city of Mombasa."

Kenya's Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned the U.S. decision to issue the statement Saturday, saying it was "unnecessary and uncalled for." It urged Washington to withdraw the advisory and said it has made its concerns clear through diplomatic channels.

"Terrorism, such as in the attack on Westgate Mall, is a global problem. The United States itself, has suffered terror attacks before, and so have other countries right across the globe," the ministry said. "Issuing travel advisories ... is not what we expect of our friends."

ASIAN BRIEFS

60 dead in India building collapse as search ends

MUMBAI, India (AP)—The search for survivors at the site of a collapsed apartment building has ended in India's financial capital of Mumbai. An emergency response official says the final death toll is 60 people. Rescuers managed to save 33 people from the building's wreckage in the two-day search. By Sunday morning, Alok Awasthi, local commander of the National Disaster Response Force, said all 93 people listed as missing had been accounted for and the search was called off. The five-story building that collapsed Friday was the third deadly cave-in of a Mumbai structure in six months. The cause is under investigation.

New quake rocks southwest Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—A major earthquake rocked Pakistan's southwest Saturday, killing at least 15 and sending panicked people running into the street just days after another quake in the same region killed hundreds, officials said. The U.S. Geological Survey said on its website that a 6.8 magnitude quake was felt in Pakistan's southwestern Baluchistan province. Pakistan's Meteorological Department measured the earthquake at 7.2 magnitude, saying its epicenter was about 150 kilometers (90 miles) west of the town of Khuzdar. Baluchistan government spokesman Jan Mohammad Buledi said those killed Saturday died in the Mushkay area of Awaran. The death toll from Tuesday's disaster was 359, he added.

Chinese police rescue 92 abducted children

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese police rescued 92 abducted children and detained 301 suspects in the latest operation to crack down on the country's chronic problem of child trafficking, the Ministry of Public Security said. Police forces from 11 provinces were involved in the operation to break up a massive network that stole, bought and sold children in Henan province in central China and other provinces, the ministry said late Friday. It said the group targeted children in Yunnan and Sichuan provinces in China's southwest and transported them to other provinces for sale.

Dozens still missing after boat sinks in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Rescuers battled strong currents and high waves Saturday while searching for dozens of people missing and feared dead one day after a boat carrying asylum seekers sank off the coast of Indonesia's main island of Java, killing at least 21 people. The boat capsized and sank in waters off West Java's Sukabumi district after being hit by high waves Friday. Survivors said about 100 people were aboard the vessel. Twenty-eight people were rescued and taken to the Sukabumi immigration office for identification, Brig. Gen. Tatang Zainudin, the National Search and Rescue Agency's operation chief, said by phone from the scene. He said 21 bodies were pulled from the water Friday afternoon, including seven children.

Health & Fitness

Chinese doctor builds new nose on man's forehead

BEIJING (AP)—A surgeon in China says he has constructed an extra nose out of a man's rib cartilage and implanted it under the skin of his forehead to prepare for a transplant in probably the first operation of its kind.

Surgeon Guo Zhihui at Fujian Medical University Union Hospital in China's southeastern province of Fujian spent nine months cultivating the graft for a 22-year-old man whose nose was damaged.

The striking images of the implant—with the nostril section facing diagonally upward on the left side of the man's forehead—drew widespread publicity after they began to circulate in Chinese media this week. Guo plans to cut the nose from the forehead while leaving a section of skin still connected, and then rotate and graft it into position in a later operation.

"We were just interested in helping the man and did not expect it would stir up this much attention," Guo said in an interview Friday with The Associated Press.

Surgeons previously have used cartilage to help rebuild noses in their proper position and are experimenting with growing new ones from stem



In this Tuesday Sept. 24, 2013 photo, a 22-year-old patient, with a surgically made extra nose out of his rib cartilage and implanted under the skin of his forehead, rests at Fujian Medical University Union Hospital, in Fuzhou city, in southeast China's Fujian province.

cells on other parts of the body, such as a forearm. But this was the first known case of building a nose on a forehead.

Alexander Seifalian, a professor of nanotechnology and regenerative medicine at University College London who has worked on transplants using

stem cells, said implanting the nose graft in the forehead makes sense because the skin there has the same "structure and texture" as that of a nose.

However, he said it was unclear why the Chinese team built the nose on the forehead rather than in its proper posi-

tion. A nose graft grown from stem cells would be prepared on another body part first, but this operation is using existing cartilage, Seifalian said.

"They could have made the nose and just put it on the nose, not in the forehead," Seifalian said. "I don't know why they

put it there."

However, Seifalian noted that he had not seen any scientific information on the Chinese operation and was just going by media reports.

The patient lost part of his nose in an accident in August 2012 and did not immediately have any reconstruction surgery

because he couldn't afford it, Guo said. An infection later ate away much of his nose cartilage, he said.

Guo said his team examined what remained of the nose and concluded there would be little chance of viably grafting cartilage there, instead building the nose on the forehead.

More kids protected from flu; CDC says keep it up

WASHINGTON (AP)—More children than ever got vaccinated against the flu last year, and health officials urged families Thursday to do even better this time around.

Far too many young and middle-aged adults still forego the yearly protection, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned.

And this year, Americans have an unprecedented number of vaccine options to choose from: The regular shot; the nasal spray; an egg-free shot for those allergic to eggs; a high-dose shot just for those 65 and older; and a tiny-needle shot for the squeamish. The bigger change: A small number of the regular flu shots, and all of the Flu-

Mist nasal vaccine, will protect against four strains of influenza rather than the traditional three.

"There's something for everyone this year," said CDC's Dr. Anne Schuchat.

A severe flu strain swept the country last winter, sparking a scramble for last-minute vaccinations. There's no way to predict if this year will be as bad. But it takes about two weeks for the vaccine to take effect, so health officials say early fall—before flu begins spreading widely—is the best time to start immunizations.

"Now is the time to get vaccinated," said Dr. Paul Biddinger of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. "Don't wait until it's in your community."

In Celebration of His New Life

†Clemente Francisco Santos Sablan "Kame"

October 21, 1958 – September 24, 2013

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Parents: Juan Ogo Sablan and Rita Santos Sablan

Parents In Law: Howard Iglesias Macaranas and Margarita Cepeda Macaranas

Brother/Sisters and In Law:

Maria S. Cabrera
Bartola S. Basa
Manuel S. Sablan
Frank H. Rran

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Charlene Macaranas Sablan

Children and Grandchildren:

Luis Andrew C. Macaranas / Yolanda Cruz (Alana Lei)
Chantyll Q. Sablan / Treat Kaipat (Treat Jr., Aurie Jean)
Germaine C. Macaranas / Brian Rios
Francisco C. Macaranas

Sisters and Brothers In-Law/Sisters In-Law:

Margarita S. Sablan/Alberto Mosquete,
Patricia S. Rran,
Manuel T. Cabrera/Emma,
Jose Basa
Maria B. Sablan
Jeffrey R./Kelani Reyes
Naadeen M./Pete Skilang
Sohn M./Olivia P. Macaranas
Keone M./Leeandra S. Macaranas
Ariana P. Macaranas
Aubrey P. Macaranas
Stacey P. Escueta

He will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intentions are celebrated each morning at 6:00am and Holy Rosary is being prayed at 7:00pm. at Kristo Rai Church.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 02, 2013. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to Kristo Rai Church. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:15am.

Mass of Christian of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am followed by Interment Services at Santuario PAX Memorial Gardens in Kagman, Saipan where he will be at a peaceful rest.



Please join us in prayers,

Charlene Macaranas Sablan, Children and Family Santos and Sablan Families

Life & Style

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—Miss Philippines, Megan Young, was crowned Miss World on Saturday amid tight security on Indonesia's resort island of Bali, where the contest's final round was moved following protests by Muslim hard-liner groups.

"I promise to be the best Miss World ever," Young, 23, said after winning the 63rd annual event, as a large number of Filipino fans who traveled with her celebrated by jumping and waving the country's flag.

Despite threats from the Islamic Defenders Front to disrupt the contest, police said no rallies were staged Saturday. The group has demonstrated for weeks, calling for the government to cancel the pageant because members say it shows too much skin and goes against Islamic teachings.

The 127 contestants vying for the crown were introduced Saturday wearing evening gowns shimmering in sequins, many of them with plunging necklines and slits up the leg. Four candidates dropped out earlier, mainly due to illnesses, said Syafri Nasution, one of the local organizers.

Young, who took the crown from Wenxia Yu of China, the 2012 winner, was born in the United States. When she was 10 she moved to the Philippines, where she has appeared in films and as a television host.

Miss France, Marine Lorphelin, 20, took second place, while Miss Ghana, Carranza Naa Okailey Shooter, 22,

came in third.

Miss World organizers had earlier agreed to cut bikinis from the swimsuit competition, replacing them with more

conservative sarongs. But pressure continued to mount, and more mainstream groups joined in and called for the show to be banned.

Indonesia's government announced three weeks ago that the final would be moved from the outskirts of the capital, Jakarta, and instead held on the

Hindu-dominated resort island of Bali, where earlier rounds were taking place.

The British, Australian and U.S. embassies issued warnings

to citizens planning trips to Bali during the competition, saying there could be large-scale protests or even attacks.

Col. R. Umar Farooq, the Director of Vital Security for Bali provincial police, said thousands of security forces had been deployed to secure the final.

But Farooq said that security was tightened along the north coast of East Java to Bali in anticipation of possible protesters from other islands.

"The success in securing the Miss World final will be a benchmark for the police in securing the incoming APEC Summit," Farooq said, referring to the upcoming Asia-Pacific Cooperation summit on Bali to be attended by world leaders, including President Barack Obama, and thousands of delegates.

Miss World is the latest controversy in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country, where most follow a moderate form of the religion. However, a small extremist fringe has become louder and more violent in recent years, attacking Christians and other religious minorities, along with anyone else deemed immoral.

Last year, the Islamic Defenders Front forced Lady Gaga to cancel a sold-out show after branding her a "devil worshiper."

In 2002, Bali was the site of suicide bombings that killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists. Since then, the government has aggressively pursued militant groups, which in recent years have committed much smaller-scale attacks mainly focused on security personnel.

Miss Philippines wins Miss World in Indonesia



Newly crowned Miss World Megan Young of Philippine, centre, waves, after winning the Miss World contest, in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia, Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013.

By CHRIS TALBOTT
AP MUSIC WRITER

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Pop culture consumes authors, musicians and actors and quickly moves on. Only a few have staying power, and Stephen King is one of those rare figures.

With the release this week of "Doctor Sleep," his much anticipated sequel to "The Shining," the 66-year-old King continues to release and inspire new projects more than four decades after he first started to scare the bejeezus out of everybody. A stage musical he wrote with John Mellenkamp is about to begin touring the country, "Under the Dome" was a surprise television hit of the summer and a film project based on his novella "A Good Marriage" is in the works as well.

"I always knew that if I hung around that I'd get hot again," King says with a laugh. "Sooner or later everything that goes around comes around. I just thought of guys like Billy Joel. I thought if Billy Joel can come back, I can come back."

With "Doctor Sleep," King

'Doctor Sleep' was a challenge for Stephen King

revisits a grown-up Danny Torrance and the extra creepy best-selling novel that became a milestone film for Stanley Kubrick and Jack Nicholson. In this update, Dan is a recovering alcoholic and a mentor to a 12-year-old whose shining is stronger than his own.

King spoke with The Associated Press earlier this summer about how he approached the tricky task of writing "Doctor Sleep" and the home life that has produced two more literary voices:

AP: Writing a sequel to a beloved book so many years later had to be tricky. How did you approach it?

King: When I went into it I thought to myself, if I do this I can probably never satisfy the expectations of the audience because so many people who read "The Shining," I got them while they were young and malleable, they were young adults, teenagers. I meet people all the time who say, "That book scared the s--- out of me," and I'll say,

"How old were you when you read the book or saw the movie?" and they'll say 16. And if you were 16 then, you're probably 50 now and a little bit case hardened when it comes to scary things. I was curious. I wanted to see what happens to Danny Torrance, so I took my shot.

AP: What do you think of the book now that you're done with it?

King: I like it. I think it's pretty good. I kind of approached it with the idea of it's a movie sequel where the story's supposed to be different but it's supposed to have the elements of the original that were successful, and I thought that's a real challenge. Let me see if I can do something that's really good, that has some of the elements that scared people in "The Shining" and create a story that's entirely on its own and that people could pick up and read even if they never read "The Shining" in their life. It was fun to take the shot.

AP: That's going to be one of the literary events of 2013.

Do you enjoy the attention of moments like those?

King: The short answer is no, I really don't know how to cope with that. I think one of the reasons writers are writers is because they're introverts basically. I'm pretty comfortable in a room by myself, creating stories. I don't have any sense that people are looking over my shoulder. It's a one-man game. When you write a book you don't have a whole team of writers in the way there is, for instance, on "Under the Dome" or some of the film projects that I've worked on. So I like that a lot. But I would be lying to you if I didn't say when you meet a big group of people that come to a reading or a talk or something like that, there's a certain validation. When they put their hands together, you say, "You know what? Somebody was out there the whole time and they were paying attention." That's a good thing and it warms you up.

AP: You aren't the only King with a new book this year.



This book cover image released by Scribner shows "Doctor Sleep," by Stephen King.

Both of your sons, Joe Hill and Owen King, published novels last spring.

King: Joe knocked it out with "NOS4A2." I love that book. He's in his wheelhouse now. No question. Owen published his first novel, "Double Feature," in March and it's an entirely different thing. It's funny. It's fall on

your knees funny, just roll on the floor funny, and that's a different kind of sensibility entirely.

AP: In a past interview, Joe described his upbringing with Owen and their sister Naomi in idyllic terms with parents who encouraged reading and imagination. Was it really like that?

King: We all had our noses in books. And we lived way out in the country. There wasn't a lot in the way of TV the way that there is now with these satellite deals and everything. We were a little bit constrained there. We all loved the movies and I'd pick them up at school on Friday afternoon and if there was a Spielberg picture or something, we'd go to Portland and see "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" or whatever it was, and just have a blast. ... I used to get them to read me books on cassette tapes. I would pay \$10 a cassette or something like that, and they would read me all kinds of stuff. And, of course, Joe has blocked out all of his memories of me chaining them up in the cellar and driving nails into their little legs and stuff.

Kimmel, Kanye are at war—or are they?

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jimmy Kimmel and Kanye West either are engaged in a bitter feud or a wild parody of one.

A skit poking fun at West on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" on Tuesday provoked an irate call from the rapper about an hour and half before Thursday's show, Kimmel said in his monologue.

"He is very angry because of a bit we aired this week," Kimmel said, in which a child re-



This combo of photos shows Jimmy Kimmel seen in a Jan. 25, 2013 file photo left and Kanye West seen in a May 23, 2012 file photo.



AP

enacted an interview that West gave to Britain's BBC. It was

"pretty innocuous," the late-night host said.

But West ordered him to make a public apology and said Kimmel's life would be "much better" if he did so, Kimmel said, adding that West also called himself the most powerful voice in media.

Then came more than a half-dozen tweets posted on West's official Twitter site. One called Kimmel out of line for spoofing what West called "the first piece of honest media in years," and another referred to photographers trying to get shots of West's baby daughter with Kim Kardashian.

"Jimmy Kimmel, I don't

take it as a joke. ... You don't have scum bags hopping over fences trying to take pictures of your daughter," West tweeted. Other tweets used profanity and coarse language, while one mocked Kimmel by saying his former girlfriend Sarah Silverman is funnier than him.

"Finally, I'm in a rap feud. I always wanted to be in a rap feud," a smiling Kimmel said.

Representatives for Kimmel in Los Angeles and West in New York didn't immediately respond to requests for comment made early Friday, outside of business hours.

In a tweet Kimmel posted before the show, he said West's attack was "not a prank, I promise," unless West was playing one on him. Kimmel has done his share of high-concept comedy, including a show in which Matt Damon tied him up on-stage and took over as host.

West is known for his outbursts, not his humor.

The incident capped a big week for "Jimmy Kimmel Live," with shows including Hollywood street concerts with Paul McCartney and Justin Timberlake.

Royal Mint coins to mark Prince George christening



AP

Britain's Prince William, right, and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge hold the Prince of Cambridge, in this Tuesday July 23, 2013, file photo as they pose for the media outside St. Mary's Hospital's exclusive Lindo Wing in London where the Duchess gave birth on Monday July 22.

LONDON (AP)—The christening of Prince William and Kate's firstborn, Prince George, will be marked with a set of commemorative coins, the Royal Mint said Saturday.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's baby son will be christened at the Chapel Royal at St. James's Palace on Oct. 23, just over three months after his birth. It is the chapel where the coffin of William's late mother, Princess Diana, was put for her family to pay last respects in private before her funeral in 1997.

The production of the commemorative coins, approved by William, his wife Kate and Queen Elizabeth II, will be the first time that new coins are produced to mark a royal christening in Britain.

Buying the coins may be the only way the public can take part in celebrating Prince George's christening, which will be a private event, attended only by close family and the baby's godparents, who haven't been named yet. Official photographs will be released after the ceremony, Kensington Palace said.

"This will be the first formal occasion for Prince George, it will be one in which the baby is welcomed into the Church of England. After all, he will one day become the head of

the church, so this is an important ceremony," royal historian Hugo Vickers said.

The event will also see the first official photographs that include the queen and all of her three direct heirs: Charles, William and George.

The venue of the ceremony is a break from recent tradition: William, his father Prince Charles and the queen were all christened at Buckingham Palace, while Prince Harry was christened at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

The Chapel Royal at St. James' Palace is a lesser known and more intimate venue. Constructed by Henry VIII, it was decorated by Hans Holbein in honor of the king's short-lived marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves.

The christening of Prince George, who is third in line to the throne, will be conducted by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby. The baby will wear a replica of a christening gown made for Queen Victoria's eldest daughter in 1841.

The 5-pound coins to mark the occasion will be made of solid gold, silver and a more affordable option, and will sell for as much as thousands of pounds (dollars). The designs of the coins have not yet been revealed.

Jackson jury ends deliberations until Tuesday

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A jury deciding a negligence lawsuit filed against a concert promoter after the death of Michael Jackson has recessed for a long weekend without reaching a verdict.

The panel will resume talks Tuesday.

The six women and six men spent five hours deliberating on Friday and two hours Thursday.

The suit filed by Jackson's mother claims AEG Live LLC was negligent in hiring Dr.

Conrad Murray, who was later convicted of involuntary manslaughter after giving the singer an overdose of the anesthetic propofol.

The jury has asked to see a contract drafted by AEG Live for Murray's services and the video "This Is It," a documentary based on rehearsals for Jackson's comeback shows.

A lawyer for AEG had suggested they watch the film to see that Jackson was in fine form until shortly before his death.

Little Miss Hispanic winner loses title in US

WILMINGTON, Delaware (AP)—The winner of the Little Miss Hispanic Delaware contest has been stripped of her crown over concerns that she is not Hispanic.

The News Journal of Wilmington reported Saturday that 7-year-old Jakiya McKoy lost the title two weeks ago.

Some critics of the decision say the move was made because McKoy is black and not Latina enough, though organizers say it had nothing to do with race.

"There is just like a baseline of disrespect to black women," Daniel Jose Older, who started a Change.org petition, told the newspaper. "As Latinos, it's really important that we understand what's going on with us and that we reclaim this girl as our sister."

Pageant organizers require contestants to be at least 25 percent Hispanic.

Maria Perez, president of Nuestras Raices (Our Roots), who operates the Miss Chiquita Delaware pageant, says the verification that the child brought did "not specify she was 25 percent

Hispanic or Hispanic at all."

She was still allowed to participate in the pageant, but parents of at least two other participants said they heard from McKoy or through their children that the girl said she was not Hispanic.

"It's not about the skin color. It's not about anything else like that, because as you know, Latinos come in all sizes, flavors and colors. We all know that," Perez said. "We've had a Dominican Miss Hispanic Delaware before, we've had a Mexican Miss Hispanic Delaware before, we've had a French-Mexican, we've had a Puerto Rican. You name it, we've had it all."

Perez said McKoy will be given the crown if she can prove that she is 25 percent Hispanic.

Older said McKoy's grandmother was born in the Dominican Republic and lived illegally in the United States before she died. He said she therefore didn't have proof of where she came from.

The child and her father live in Wilmington.

Mom is proud to share story of her son's joyful adoption

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: In response to the Aug. 13 letter from the adoptive mom in Indianapolis, we, too, are sometimes questioned about our son. I don't find it at all offensive, and I encourage her to view it from a different perspective.

Just as mothers enjoy telling stories about their pregnancy and delivery, I relish talking about how our son came to be part of our family. I have talked openly about it to strangers in front of my son since he was a toddler. I tell them how amazing it is that a mother could love her child so much that she would be willing to give him to us so he could have a better life than she could offer.

By not shying away from the topic, my son has seen that his adoption doesn't make us uncomfortable, and as a result, it's something he is comfortable with. Our son is full of confidence because he knows how much joy he has brought to our lives.

REAL PARENT IN COLORADO

DEAR REAL PARENT: Thank you for writing. My office was flooded with comments from adoptive parents and adopted children, but not all of them were as positive as yours. "Why do you need to know?" was frequently cited as a way to deflect unwelcome questions about why the biological parents placed the child for adoption, as was, "I'll forgive you for asking that question if you forgive me for not answering."

Many also prefer to say, "That is my child's story and he'll know it and share it when and if he thinks it is appropriate." My favorite was, "We don't discuss such intimacies. Have you told your children the details of THEIR conception?"

Readers, thank you all for sharing.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been in an on-again-off-again, long-distance relationship with a guy for a year and a half. I have broken up with him and taken him back six times. It is always for the same reason: We are not compatible as a romantic couple.

I have explained that we would be better as friends, but when I try to leave, he cries and begs me not to go. I'm afraid he could be suicidal, based on past reactions.

I love him as a friend and I want him to be with someone who can love him the way he wants to be loved. How do I let him down easy, if there is even such a thing? I'm afraid I might ruin his life.

I guess my question is, when you know in your gut that things won't work out, when is it OK to throw in the towel?

PERPLEXED IN PENSACOLA

DEAR PERPLEXED: After six breakups, your long-distance romance is well past its expiration date. When there is a lack of chemistry between a couple, it's no one's fault and it's usually a deal-breaker. The problem with letting someone down the way you're trying to is that it prolongs the pain, like removing a splinter halfway, then jamming it back in because the person is wincing.

Threats of suicide if a romance is unsuccessful are attempts to control the partner who wants to leave through guilt. The time to throw in that towel is NOW.

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DEAR ABBY: When did it become acceptable to ask for a doggie bag after an elegant dinner in a friend's home? I'm known as an excellent cook. I entertained eight guests in my home last night and served expensive meat, an accompanying salad, vegetables and a great dessert. They wanted the leftovers! I thought if they had the nerve to ask, they were welcome to the goodies. Would you?

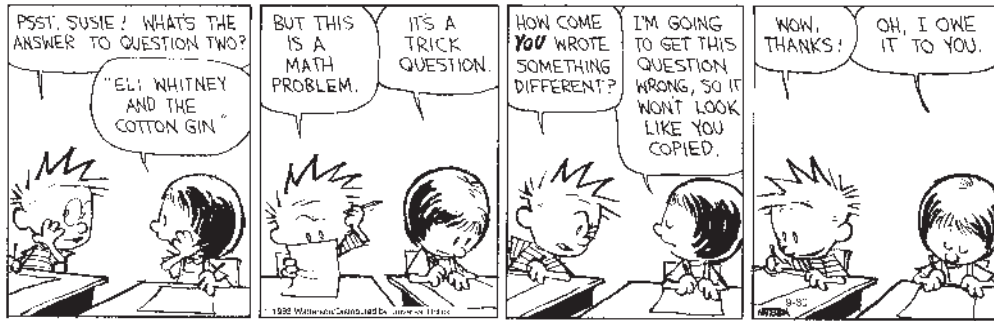
HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST

DEAR HOSTESS: Would I what? Ask for the leftovers or give them? To ask for leftovers in someone's home is rude, and I wouldn't do it—although some hosts do offer them to their guests. If you preferred to keep the leftovers for yourself, you should have said no—with a smile, of course.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

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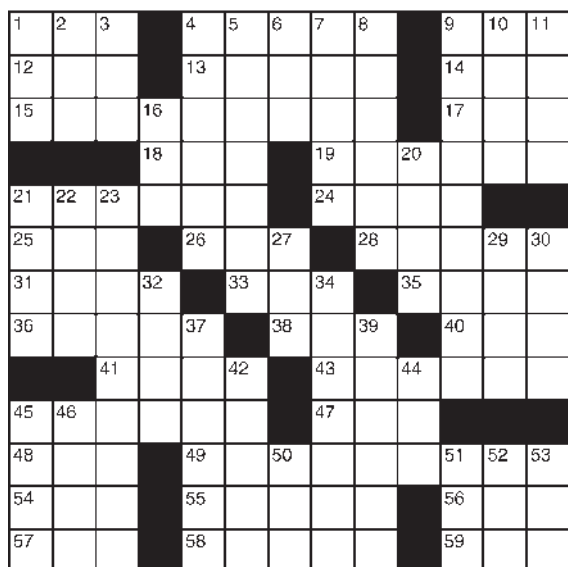
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Friday's answer 9-30



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kieran Culkin, 31; Lacey Chabert, 31; Marion Cotillard, 38; Jenna Elfman, 42.

Happy Birthday: Stay focused on what's most important to you. Use your knowledge and expertise to protect your environment, community and beliefs. Don't let the past hold you back or lead you in a direction that doesn't encourage progress. Keep your life simple and within your budget. A different means of income is likely. An innovative approach to life will help. Your numbers are 7, 9, 20, 27, 35, 39, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Follow your heart and your dreams. Your ambitious attitude will contribute to connecting with people heading in a similar direction. Form a unique group of hand-picked individuals and everything else will fall into place. Think big and take positive action. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't share your thoughts if you think they will upset someone. The people you are dealing with aren't likely to have the same intentions or direction as you. A difficult decision may be necessary. Satisfy your needs first and foremost. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Follow through with promises you make and everyone will be happy. Finding solutions for others will turn you into the go-to person, but when trying to solve personal problems, you are likely to be emotionally self-deceptive. Home improvement will pay off. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't overspend on items you don't need. Being generous will not buy love, respect

or loyalty. Eliminate your problem by addressing issues head-on. Emotional encounters should be geared toward passion, not aggression, jealousy or revenge. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't say yes to everyone. Being too generous will get you into trouble. Offer wisdom in a caring manner and you will make a difference. If you exhibit a pushy attitude, you will be accused of interfering. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep your mind on whatever you are doing. Address responsibilities head-on, offering diverse, smart solutions, but don't fight someone else's battles. False information will lead to someone taking advantage of you. Do your homework. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Re-evaluate what isn't working for you and make adjustments. Participate in an event that you feel passionate about and it will lead to meeting new people. This is not the time to spend money, but offering your time will make a difference. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Jealousy will lead to loss. Consider why you feel the way you do and make the changes required. Strive to reach success regardless of what others do and you will feel satisfied in the end. Romance is highlighted. Make love, not war. ★★

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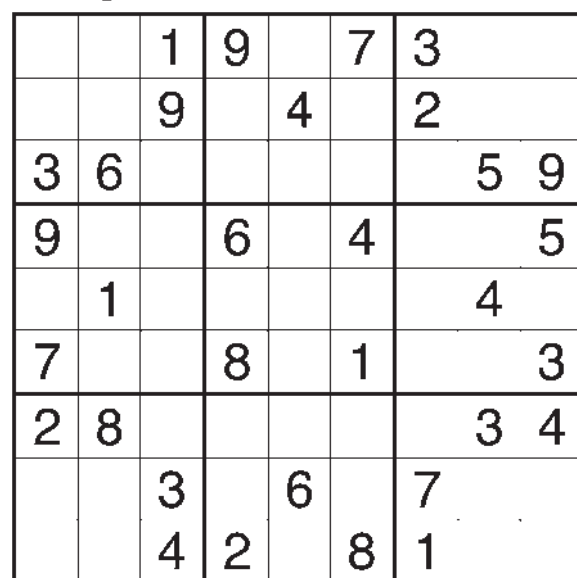
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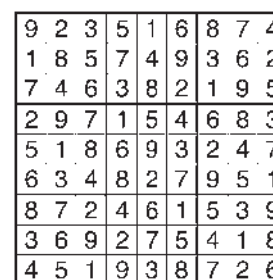
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Pettitte completes career in fitting fashion



HOUSTON

(AP)—When Andy Pettitte envisioned how his final start would play out, he imagined a lot of scenarios.

Pitching a complete game was definitely not one of them.

But the 41-year-old left-hander did just that, throwing a five-hitter for his first complete game since 2006 to lead the New York Yankees over his hometown Houston Astros 2-1 on Saturday night.

"It couldn't end any better," Pettitte said, trying to hold back tears.

Two days after Mariano Rivera's finale in front of an emotional crowd at Yankee Stadium, Pettitte followed his teammate into retirement and left only Derek Jeter left from the Core Four who earned five World Series rings with the Yankees since 1996.

Pettitte said the last week of this season has been difficult for him.

"It's been terrible because I know it's over," Pettitte said. "It's a shame you get old."

Chris Carter singled with two outs in the ninth, ending a string of 11 straight batters retired by Pettitte. Yankees manager Joe Girardi came to the mound, had a brief conversation with Pettitte, then returned to the dugout.

Girardi said he left it up to Pettitte as to whether he wanted to stay in the game.

With the crowd on its feet and cameras flashing, J.D. Martinez hit a game-ending groundout to third baseman Eduardo Nunez, giving Pettitte his 26th complete game.

Pettitte, who lives in suburban Deer Park, lingered on the field as teammates hugged him - including Jeter, Rivera and Girardi, Pettitte's former catcher.

The Astros stood in front of their dugout, applauding, and fans chanted "An-dy! An-dy!"

"I don't know how to even take you through it, except I just felt like I wasn't even worthy to have that happening to me," Pettitte said.

Indians 5, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, the Cleveland Indians won their ninth straight game and took sole possession of the AL wild-card lead on the next-to-last scheduled day of the regular season, beating Minnesota 5-1 Saturday behind Scott Kazmir's 11 strikeouts.

Seeking their first postseason appearance since 2007, the Indians (91-70) hold a one-game lead over Tampa Bay and Texas (both 90-71).

Cleveland is assured of at least a tie for the AL wild card. With three teams seeking the two wild cards, Sunday's results could decide the matter or lead to one or two tiebreaker games at the start of next week.

Blue Jays 7, Rays 2

In Toronto, the Tampa Bay Rays dropped into a tie with Texas for the second AL wild-card berth, losing to Toronto as Ryan Goins and Kevin Pillar hit two-run homers.

The Rays and Rangers are even, one game behind Cleveland.

A.J. Hahn (5-7) got the win. Alex Torres (4-2) lost in relief.

On Sunday, Matt Moore (16-4) starts for the Rays against Blue Jays rookie right-hander Todd Redmond.

Rangers 7, Angels 4

In Arlington, Craig Gentry doubled, scored and bunted home a run, helping the Texas Rangers beat the sloppy Los Angeles Angels for its sixth straight win.

The Rangers, trying to make the playoffs for the fourth year in a row, and Tampa Bay are tied for the second AL wild-card spot, a game behind Cleveland.

The Angels made five errors for a game for the first time since Sept. 16, 2006, also at Texas. Garrett Richards (7-8) threw two wild pitches and made an error.

Joakim Soria (1-0) got his first major league victory since July 23, 2011, and Joe Nathan got his 43rd save in 46 chances.

Orioles 6, Red Sox 5

In Baltimore, Steve Pearce drove in the go-ahead runs with a double in the eighth inning and the Baltimore Orioles rallied to a 6-5 win over the Boston Red Sox, who clinched home-field advantage throughout the postseason earlier in the day.

The victory brought a measure of consolation for the Orioles, making them the only AL East team to win the season series against the Red Sox.

Boston was assured of the best record in the American League when Oakland lost to Seattle with one day to spare in the regular season. The Red Sox will open their division series at Fenway Park on Friday against the winner of the wild-card playoff — either Cleveland, Tampa Bay or Texas.

Mariners 7, Athletics 5

In Seattle, Brad Miller hit a pair of home runs, including his first grand slam, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Oakland Athletics in a game that decided division-series matchups in the American League.

The AL West champion A's will host their playoff opener next Friday against Central winner Detroit.

Brandon Maurer (5-8) got the win and Danny Farquhar got his 16th save in 20 chances.

White Sox 6, Royals 5

In Chicago, Adam Dunn and Conor Gillaspie each hit two-run homers and the Chicago



New York Yankees relief pitcher Mariano Rivera, left, hands the ball to Andy Pettitte as Derek Jeter, right, watches during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013, at Yankee Stadium in New York. The Rays defeated the Yankees 4-0 in Rivera's final home game with the team.

White Sox topped the Kansas City Royals.

After the game, the Chicago White Sox announced they had fired hitting coach Jeff Manto.

Marcus Semien and Jordan Danks added solo homers for the White Sox. Mike Moustakas, Billy Butler and Salvador Perez homered for the Royals. All 11 runs in the game came on homers.

Pirates 8, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, Neil Walker hit two of Pittsburgh's six homers — its biggest power surge in six years — and the Pirates clinched home-field advantage for the NL's wild card playoff game by beat the Cincinnati Reds 8-3 Saturday.

Pittsburgh will host the Reds on Tuesday night in the Pirates' first playoff appearance in 21 years. They went 50-31 at PNC Park, the third-best home record in the NL.)

Pittsburgh hit five homers off Bronson Arroyo (14-12), who had never given up that many in a game in his career. Walker homered twice off the right-hander, Andrew McCutchen and Pedro Alvarez also hit solo homers, and Marlon Byrd had a two-run shot that ended Arroyo's outing in the fifth and made it 6-3.

Prospect Andrew Lambo hit his first homer off Logan Ondrusek, the first time the Pirates had six in a game since Aug. 22, 2007 at Colorado.

Cardinals 6, Cubs 2

In St. Louis, Adam Wainwright earned his 19th victory in a tuneup for the NL division series opener and St. Louis showed no letup after clinching the NL Central, beating Chicago for its fifth straight win.

Matt Holliday homered for the second day in a row and Yadier Molina drove in two runs for St. Louis (96-65).

Wainwright (19-9) allowed two hits in shutout 5 1-3 innings and tied for the league lead in victories with Washington's Jordan Zimmermann, who lost his last scheduled start Wednesday in St. Louis.

Seth Maness earned his first career save by getting Darwin Barney on a double-play ball.

Phillies 5, Braves 4

In Atlanta, Chris Johnson made a headfirst dive into first base but was thrown out to end the game, then argued in the dugout with Atlanta coach Terry Pendleton after the Braves lost to Philadelphia.

Down 5-1, the Braves rallied in the ninth on Justin Upton's three-run homer, his 27th, with two outs. Freddie Freeman singled and Evan Gattis walked to keep the rally going against Jonathan Papelbon.

Johnson hit a grounder to the hole and Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins made a diving stop, got up and made a one-hop throw to first baseman Darin Ruf for the final out.

When Johnson got to the dugout, Pendleton grabbed him and there were angry words before they pulled apart.

Brewers 4, Mets 2, 10 innings

In New York, Carlos Gomez homered and had four hits, including a tiebreaking single in the 10th inning that sent Milwaukee over New York.

Yuniesky Betancourt drove in two runs to help the Brewers (74-87) win their fourth straight as they put together a strong finish to a disappointing

season.

Pinch-hitter Caleb Gindl drew a four-pitch walk from Scott Atchison (3-3) to start the 10th and went to third on Jonathan Lucroy's broken-bat single. Gomez followed with a flare to right-center to put Milwaukee ahead. Betancourt added an RBI single that made it 4-2.

Donovan Hand (1-5) initially tried for a six-out save and instead wound up with his first major league win. With the Brewers resting closer Jim Henderson, Alfredo Figaro got three straight outs for his first career save.

Nationals 2, Diamondbacks 0

In Phoenix, Dan Haren brought his disappointing season with Washington to a strong conclusion, blanking Arizona on four hits through seven innings.

Haren (10-14), the former Diamondbacks pitcher who signed a one-year, \$13 million deal with the Nationals and struggled mightily for much of the season, struck out five and walked one.

Brandon McCarthy (5-11) gave up two runs on five hits in seven innings.

With the loss, Arizona fell to 80-81, the first time the Diamondbacks have been under .500 all season.

Padres 9, Giants 3

In San Francisco, Jesus Guzman, Chris Denorfia and Jedd Gyorko each homered and drove in two runs and San Diego beat San Francisco.

Hunter Pence, who reached a tentative agreement on a \$90 million, five-year contract before the game, hit a two-run homer for the Giants.

Eric Stults (11-13) pitched

seven effective innings to win his third straight start after going 0-6 in his previous 10 starts. He also helped himself with an RBI single during a four-run fourth.

Stults allowed three runs and seven hits. He did not walk a batter and struck out three.

Yusmeiro Petit (4-1) lasted a season-low 3 2-3 innings, giving up five runs and seven hits.

Rockies 1, Dodgers 0

In Los Angeles, Juan Nicasio outdueled Zack Greinke for his first victory in six starts and Nolan Arenado had an RBI double, leading Colorado over Los Angeles.

Nicasio (9-9) allowed three hits over 5 1-3 innings and struck out seven while winning for the first time since Aug. 26 against San Francisco.

Adam Octavio followed Josh Outman out of the bullpen in the sixth, retiring Juan Uribe on a foul pop and Scott Van Slyke on a fly ball with the bases loaded. Rex Brothers, the sixth Rockies pitcher, got four outs for his 18th save in 20 chances.

Troy Tulowitzki doubled with one out in the fourth and scored on Arenado's two-out double to left-center.

Marlins 2, Tigers 1, 10 innings

In Miami, Anibal Sanchez all but clinched the AL ERA title by pitching five scoreless innings for Detroit, but Joaquin Benoit blew a save and they lost to the Miami.

Detroit took a 1-0 lead into the ninth, but the Marlins rallied against Benoit. He blew a save for only the second time in 26 chances this year, which prevented Sanchez from earning his 15th victory.

Woods voted PGA Player of the Year

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Tiger Woods was voted PGA Tour player of the year for the 11th time on the strength of his five big wins and return to No. 1 in the world.

It was the third time Woods won the Jack Nicklaus Award despite not winning a major. He made up for that with two World Golf Championships and The Players Championship among his five wins. No one else won more than twice this year, and Woods won the Vardon Trophy for lowest scoring average and the PGA Tour money title.

"It's been an incredible year to have won five times, two of those World Golf Championships and one Players," Woods said on a conference call Friday. "It's been just a fantastic year all around. It's also an incredible feeling to be voted by your peers, and to have that type of respect is something that's very humbling."

The PGA Tour does not release the percentage of votes won or even who finished second.

Jordan Spieth was voted rookie of the year in a race that likely was no contest. The 20-year-old Texan began the year with no status on any tour. He won the John Deere Classic, lost in a playoff at another event, reached the Tour Championship, was chosen for the Presidents Cup team and wound up 10th on the money list with nearly \$4 million.

He will be the youngest American - and first PGA Tour rookie - to play in the Presidents

Cup next week in Ohio.

"I don't know if it's a 'pinch me' moment yet," Spieth said. "I think my mind is still really on next week."

Woods was on the ballot with British Open champion Phil Mickelson, Masters champion Adam Scott, FedEx Cup champion Henrik Stenson and Matt Kuchar. Mickelson also won the Phoenix Open and was runner-up in the U.S. Open for the sixth time. Along with his first major, Scott won The Barclays. If either of them had won the Tour Championship, three wins and a major might have won some votes over five big wins and no majors.

Mickelson, with more wins (42) and majors (five) than any player except for Woods dating to the Tom Watson generation, has never been PGA Tour player of the year, No. 1 in the world ranking or won a PGA Tour money title.

The Jack Nicklaus Award began in 1990. In 24 years, Woods has won it 11 times and only two other players have won it twice - Fred Couples (1991, 1992) and Nick Price (1993, 1994). It was the fourth time in the last five years that the winner did not capture a major.

Woods nearly made it a clean sweep of all the awards. Steve Stricker narrowly beat him out for the Byron Nelson Award with a 65 on the final day at East Lake in the Tour Championship. That award is for lowest scoring average, though it is not as prestigious as the Vardon Trophy from the PGA of America. The Vardon

Trophy dates to 1937 and requires 60 rounds (instead of 50 for the PGA Tour's version of the award) with no incomplete rounds.

It was the first time since 2009, right before his personal life unraveled, that Woods won these awards. Even though he has more of them than anyone in history, he said that it doesn't get old.

"I know how hard it is," Woods said. "I've had to work my way back from injuries on numerous occasions throughout the years. These last couple years is no exception to that. There were a lot of people saying I could never win again, and two years later I've got eight wins on our tour. I'm very proud of where I've come from, from being ranked outside the top 50 to being ranked where I am now, and to have had the success that I've had this year just makes it all the more rewarding."

He said his biggest win this year was at The Players Championship, mainly because it's the one golf course he plays regularly that has given him fits. His other wins this year came on courses where he won for at least the fourth time.

"You start playing golf courses that you like and that suit your game," Woods said. "Guys generally play that schedule and give themselves the best opportunity to win tournaments and to have a nice living out on tour. For me, The Players Championship is the big event and against probably the strongest field we play all year. I haven't had a lot of success since 2001."



Tiger Woods hits out of the bunker on the fourth hole during the third round of play in the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club, in Atlanta, Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013.

Kobe uncertain on return as Lakers begin camp

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)—Kobe Bryant stepped off a flight from Dubai and showed up at the Los Angeles Lakers' training complex Saturday, joining his teammates for the first morning of training camp.

Although Bryant is globetrotting comfortably on his surgically repaired Achilles tendon, he's still uncertain when he'll join the Lakers on their practice court as they begin their return from a hugely disappointing season for the 16-time champion franchise.

"I feel good," Bryant said. "I don't think we have a particular timetable as to where I should be right now, but I'm feeling good."

Kobe is more certain about a few other things: He'll come back strong from his injury, and the Lakers can contend for another title even without Dwight Howard.

"Our expectations are always the same going into every single season," Bryant said. "Improve every single game with the goal in mind of winning the championship. Doesn't matter what anybody else is saying. That's the goal that we have."

After an offseason that began in mid-April when he tore his tendon in a game against Golden State, Bryant likely is still a long way from stepping on the practice court. Yet nobody around the Lakers is willing to predict any timetable for an athlete with almost supernatural recuperative powers.

The fourth-leading scorer in NBA history is running on a special treadmill and doing some court drills, but still isn't sprinting or playing basketball. Bryant knows he might not be ready for opening night Oct. 29, but he's not willing to concede anything in his latest comeback.

"My goal is to play tonight, you know what I mean?" Bryant asked. "It's about being smart about it and pacing it the right way and just seeing how it does. It's really just a strength thing now. I'm just seeing how it holds up, and then how the recovery holds up after that. ... The procedure and the therapy right after that really got me ahead of the curve. It feels like the hard part is over."

Bryant and the Lakers reported for an early camp - thanks to a looming trip to China - with cautious optimism following a

tumultuous year. After assembling Howard and Steve Nash for a run at a title, almost nothing went right for the Lakers while finishing seventh in the Western Conference and getting swept out of the first round by San Antonio.

Injuries limited Nash to 32 games in his first Lakers season, and the two-time MVP point guard is now the NBA's oldest active player. Pau Gasol sacrificed playing time and position to help the team, but then struggled through knee injuries that required extensive offseason treatment.

Howard played one inconsistent season and ditched the Lakers, taking a smaller contract to play for the Houston Rockets. The mercurial center never got comfortable playing alongside Bryant and in the shadow of Los Angeles' great centers, but the remaining Lakers aren't sparing much thought for him these days.

Bryant replied with an expletive when asked if he regretted Howard's departure.

"If he would have come back, it would have been great," Bryant said. "If he didn't, it's not, so it's not."

Bryant won't be alone on the Lakers' sideline at the start of camp. Gasol also will sit out at least the first few days of practice while easing back from off-season treatment on tendinitis in his knees, and Nash's minutes will be heavily managed to keep him healthy.

The Lakers have several new faces to work into coach Mike D'Antoni's schemes after adding veterans Nick Young, Chris Kaman, Jordan Farmar and Wesley Johnson in the summer.

D'Antoni didn't get a training camp after arriving early last season, so he's grateful for the time with the players and new assistant coaches Kurt Rambis and Johnny Davis.

"We have to try to build the chemistry, and the trust factor takes a while," D'Antoni said. "The (outside) expectations are down. Obviously, we have some question marks, and that's why people either put us down at 12th or whatever. That happens. Doesn't really affect what we do or our mindset. Our mindset is to overachieve and get this team as strong as we can. We have a lot of talent on this team, and hopefully we have a little chip on our shoulder."

Derrick Rose poised to return to Bulls

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Derrick Rose's long-awaited return is just about complete.

The former MVP point guard was back wearing his familiar uniform No. 1, looking ready to lead the Chicago Bulls back to contention in the Eastern Conference after sitting out a season following knee surgery.

He said Friday at the team's media day he understands why fans were frustrated he didn't return last season, but he had to be careful.

"Of course, I would want my favorite player to be back out there," Rose said. "At the same time, I have to be selfish with the idea. The thought of me injuring myself again, I don't want to put myself in that position. I just tried to stay far away from it and just think everything through and stay positive."

One big concern for him was his ability to handle double teams, particularly in the playoffs. He never felt ready to face them.

His confidence is not an issue now, though. He has said he sees no reason why he can't dominate again, and he has no regrets about the way he handled his

recovery.

He's expected to suit up for the first time at Indiana on Oct. 5, and general manager Gar Forman anticipates him playing in every preseason game.

That hinges on how Rose feels, and the same goes for his minutes once the season starts.

"I think with Derrick, it'll remain fluid as we go," Forman said. "I think it's difficult at this point to look ahead and say where his minutes will be two weeks from now, four weeks from now, whatever time frame you want to put on it. I think it's something that from a medical standpoint, from a front-office standpoint, from a coaching standpoint that we'll evaluate day to day."

Forman said he expects some "ups and downs as we go" but has little doubt Rose will overcome them. He also said the decision not to play last season "absolutely" was the right one.

Coach Tom Thibodeau called the criticism Rose absorbed unwarranted, saying he followed chairman Jerry Reinsdorf's orders by taking a cautious approach.

The Week in Sports

Teams resume bids in various tournaments

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With Mother Nature more cooperative last week, the various leagues on Saipan resumed their respective competitions.

The 2nd Annual DYS/Triple A Youth Baseball League managed to hold games on weekdays at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield with the Padres posting the biggest win to return on top of the seven-team field. The Padres defeated erstwhile leaders Braves, 10-5. Also gaining victories in the weekday games were the Giants, Dodgers, and Tigers.

With baseball returning at the Tan Ko field, the Padres' Khobby Kaipat also regained the top spot in the batting race, while the Braves' J.J. Lifofoi took the solo lead in the pitching contest.

Over at the Oleai Sports Complex Field, the M-League finally kicked off its fall season last Wednesday with Sun Palace and the Thundercats engaging in draw in Division 2, 3-3.

The 2013 NMIFA Youth Fall League's boys U18 division contest is also being played at the Oleai pitch with MP United downing Paire, 6-2. In the boys U15, MP United defeated Paire FC, too, 6-0.

Still in football, the CNMI U16 National Team played two of its three games in the AFC U16 Qualifying Tournament last week at the Hankou Culture and Sports Stadium in Wuhan, China. The Teen Ayuyus first duelled the host



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Paire and MP United FC players are in a foot race for the possession during the first half of their game in the U18 division of the NMIFA youth fall league last week at the TSL Sports Complex.

country and lost, 0-14, and then suffered a 0-18 beating at the hands of Group I favorite North Korea. The Teen Ayuyus were scheduled to meet Myanmar in their final game last night and results were unavailable at press time.

Back in local competition, Su Hea Jin returned to bowling action after several years of hiatus and topped the Saipan Bowling Association Budweiser Queen of the Lanes' September roll-offs. In the King of the Lanes, Paul Pangilinan picked up where he left off to notch back-to-back monthly wins.



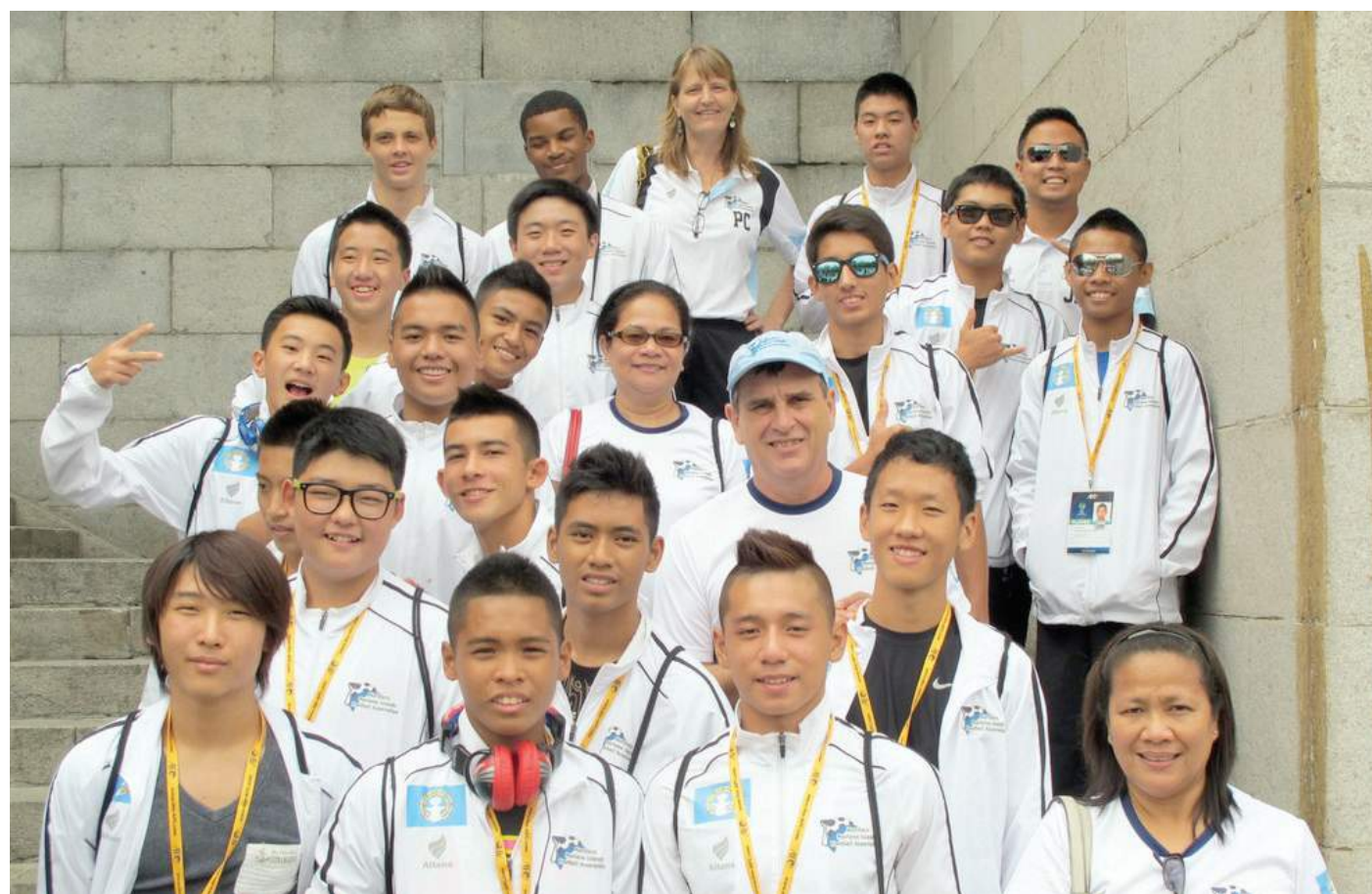
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A Tigers batter checks his elbow after an empty swing against the Yankees during a game in the Triple A baseball league last weekend at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



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Paul Pangilinan and Su Hea Jin pose for a photo after winning the Saipan Bowling Association-Budweiser September roll-offs last week at the Saipan Bowling Center.



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Players and officials of the CNMI U16 National Team pose for a group photo during a sightseeing in Wuhan, China.



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Players of the CNMI U16 National Team listen to their coaches before going to the pitch for their game against North Korea in the AFC U16 Qualifying Tournament last week at the Hankou Culture and Sports Stadium in Wuhan, China.



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Padres reclaim top spot; Tigers roar

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The Padres regained the top spot in the 2nd Annual DYS/Triple A Youth Baseball League after a 10-5 victory over erstwhile leaders Braves last Thursday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Pitcher Leeroy Regis and second baseman Patrick Tenorio scored two RBIs for the Padres, who got three more earned runs to post an 8-1 record (pending last Saturday's games results) and grab the lead from the Braves (8-2).

The Padres got off to a good start, tucking in four earned runs in the second and third inning to take control of the match, 5-1. Regis, Tenorio, and Lancaster Secharmidal hit RBI singles, while Kainoa Wanket reached home on a passed ball at the top of the second, and the fifth run came off Jun Rabauliman's RBI single in the third. The Braves scored at the bottom of the third with Cody Kaipat singling in A.J. Lizama.

The Braves continued to struggle on offense, as it scored no more than one run in each of the next three innings before saving two useless runs in the last inning. The Padres utilized three pitchers to neutralize the Braves with Mike Muna taking the mound in the first 2.2 innings and allowing only one hit and one run.

Regis closed out for the Padres, relieving Wanket late at the bottom of the sixth and made a big defensive stop, as he picked



up a grounder from Kaipat for a 1-3 play, leaving three Braves runners stranded. Regis then gave up two runs at the bottom of the seventh, keeping the Braves in the game with only one out before the Padres completed a double play at second and third base to end the match.

Tigers 7, Dodgers 6

In last Friday's game, the Tigers slipped past the Dodgers (4-6).

The close match was decided in the last inning with Jake Flores making a single and bringing in Keene Deleon Guerrero to break the tie at the top of the seventh inning.

The Dodgers had a chance to either force another standoff or win the match at the bottom of the last inning when their first two batters advanced. However, the Tigers held strong on defense with Jose Lizama striking out third batter Brian Camacho and Deleon Guerrero catching a fly ball from Jonathan Cabrera and then making a throw to Cedric Ada, who tagged out Nathan Camacho at first base for the last out.

After the Tigers (3-6) nipped the Dodgers, who got a win via

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The Tigers' Jose Lizama makes eye contact with his catcher before throwing a pinch during their game against the Yankees in the 2nd Annual DYS/Triple A Youth Baseball League last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Kanoa Resort prevails in UFO opener



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Kanoa Resort/MIFICPA players pose with their muse during the parade of teams in the opening ceremony of the UFO-Budweiser caging yesterday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Kanoa Resort/MIFICPA escaped past the Hoopaholics/Visminda, 71-70, during the opening game in the 2013 UFO-Budweiser Masters and Open Division Basketball League yesterday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Kanoa stole the victory in the opener despite falling behind by twin digits early in the fourth quarter. Don Brennan and the returning Bobby Coldeen connived in Kanoa's come-from-behind win with the latter hitting back-to-back triples to spark the team's rally. Coldeen also drilled the go-ahead basket in the closing seconds, while Brennan nailed 14 of his game-high 28 points in the final canto. With Brennan and

Coldeen leading Kanoa's recovery, the winning squad outgunned the Hoopaholics in the fourth quarter, 28-19.

The Hoopaholics crumbled after controlling the first three quarters of the match. Zack Babauta converted two early triples for the Hoops, while Jerry Diaz made one from downtown, lifting their team to a 16-10 advantage. Kanoa fell at the get-go after scoring

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Adobo crushes Chinatown Saints

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Defending champion Adobo demolished the Chinatown Saints, 92-44, in the opening game in the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

With the core of its champion squad back and teaming up with new recruits Emerson Fera and Kevin De Leon and the returning Ichitaro Faisao, Adobo came out in the opener with better cohesion to hand the Saints a bad beating.

Faisao, who suited up for Adobo in another league, but missed the team's title conquest in the inaugural DL Corp caging a few months ago, scored 19 point in his homecoming, while Fera and De Leon also logged double figures. The Adobo forward, who previously played for Fliptop, added 15 points, giving his new squad a big lift in the paint. De Leon, who also came from Fliptop, did a good job quarter-backing for Adobo, stole the Saints' pocket a couple of times, and drilled 13 points for an all-around game.

The holdovers from Adobo's cham-

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Adobo's Emerson Fera is fouled by Chinatown Saints' Shane Deleon Guerrero during the third quarter of the opening game in the DL Corp. caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.